

POWELL COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Thursday, February 9, 2023 – 1 PM

Members present: Rick Hirsch, Bill Pierce, John Beck, Justin Williams, Earl Hall, Randy Mannix, John Hollenbeck

Members absent: John Wagner, Tracy Manley

Staff: Amanda Cooley, Ann O'Toole

Public: Ken Jenkins, Scott Hazelton

1. **Attendance:** With seven members being present at the onset of the meeting, a quorum was established.
2. **Annual Meeting – Election of Board Positions:** Member Williams motioned to reappoint the currently elected positions of President (Hirsch) and Vice President (Pierce) for another year. Member Hall seconded the motion and the motion was carried 7-0.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** No objections to the agenda were made. No motion was recorded.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. December 8 minutes: Member Mannix motioned to approve the minutes with a spelling correction. Member Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.
5. **Non-Public Hearings**
 - a. **Shafford/Anderson Farm BR**

Planning Director Cooley presented the request by Joe Shafford and the Brad Anderson Farm to relocate common boundaries between two tracts of land, 1A and D1, in Section 14 T6N R10W. The site is approximately 3.5 miles west of I-90 and 0.3 miles north of the Deer Lodge County boundary. The purpose of the relocation is to accommodate existing farm use.

No Planning Board members recused themselves from the discussion.

Member Mannix asked whether this was to accommodate a pivot for irrigation. Mr. Jenkins confirmed that this was the purpose of the relocation. Vice President Pierce confirmed the number of tracts affected is two tracts, though the survey depicts five. Member Hall requested background on the parcel history. Mr. Jenkins explained that the boundaries had been adjusted about ten years ago.

With no further inquiries, Vice President Pierce motioned to approve the boundary relocation. Member Beck seconded the motion and the vote was carried 7-0.
 - b. **RCCC Golf Cart Barn Extension Request**

Scott Hazelton with Hyalite Engineers appeared to request an extension of the Conditional Use Permit issued for the Golf Cart Barn in February of 2022. Member Williams motioned to approve the extension for a period of 1 year and Member Hollenbeck approved the motion. The motion was carried 7-0.
6. **Public Hearings**

- a. None

7. Continued Business

- a. Member Pierce requested an updated copy of the new Zoning Regulations. Director Cooley will provide a copy at the next meeting.
- b. President Hirsch requested information on the floodplain maps and when they would be updated. Director Cooley informed the Board that DNRC is reviewing new draft maps for Powell County and they will be released for public comment this summer. It is estimated that they will be adopted as new floodplain maps next year.

8. Planning Board Comments

President Hirsch inquired about DEQ approval of the landfill expansion. Member Williams discussed that Granite County would like to use the landfill once the expansion is built.

9. Staff Updates

- a. County Attorney
- b. Planning Staff – Legislation Update
Miss Cooley provided an update on land use bills of high priority. Mr. Hazelton held further discussion with the Board about pertinent legislation.
- c. Other

10. Public Comments

11. Announcement of the March 9 meeting

12. Adjourn: Member Hall motioned to adjourn at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Cooley
Powell County Planning Director

President Rick Hirsch

Date

**The Planning Board will meet at the Powell County Community Center
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