



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Luke Omodt

Asia Williams

Steve Bradshaw

Public Hearing Minutes Planning

Date: January 11, 2023
Location: 1500 Hwy 2, Suite 338
Sandpoint, ID 83864

CONVENE AT: 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURN AT: 2:41 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Omodt, Williams & Bradshaw

OTHERS PRESENT: Planning Staff: Jake Gabell, Jenna Crone, Daniel Britt, Attorney – Bill Wilson

Commissioner Bradshaw opened the hearing at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Bradshaw asked if anyone needed assistance for this hearing, there were no requests. Commissioners Omodt, Bradshaw and Williams advised that they had no conflicts with these files.

Action Item: File AM0018-22, Bonner County Comprehensive Plan – Components Update – Hazardous Areas and Special Areas or Sites. The Bonner County Planning Commission is recommending an amendment to the existing Bonner County Comprehensive Plan by updating the Hazardous Areas and Special Areas or Site Components, per Idaho Code Section 67-6508, Local Land Use Planning. The Planning Commission, at their December 06, 2022, public hearing recommended approval of these updates to the Board of County Commissioners.

Planning Department Comment:

Staff report presented by Swati Rastogi (see attached staff report).

Applicant Comment: N/A

Public Comment:

- Jennifer Ekstrom, Idaho Conservation League, asked that the board temporarily table the planning process until the comprehensive plan has been completed. Claims that the file is willfully inadequate.
- Molly McCahon, Lakes Commission, feels, due to the lack of comments received from outside agencies, that the current process is not working. Spoke to shorelines and the hazards that might arise from land sloughing. Misunderstood the process of public comment. Wetlands should be added to the hazardous areas section.
- Susan Drumheller, concerned why the Fish and Game comment was not included in the staff report and presentation. Wishes the new commission will table this file and consider a consultant.
- Wayne Martin, would like the board to consider a sub-committee of citizens in order to take a deeper look into the proposed components update.

-Matt Linscott, feels that there are many items mentioned in Fish & Game's comment that are not in their purview. Potential conflict with adopting two maps that differ.

-Mark Linscott, some things may not even be under the county's purview so should not be included.

Planning Department Rebuttal:

Public comment closed at 2:15 p.m.

Commissioner Deliberation:

-Commissioner Bradshaw feels that wetlands do not need to be mentioned in more than one part. Stated that there have been multiple opportunities for the public to be involved and they should not have been waited until the last minutes.

-Commissioner Williams does not agree that it is a duplication, but rather necessary to list each item in what area that it is pertinent. All reasonable concerns should be addressed and not ignored.

-Commissioner Omodt is troubled by the fact that the Lakes Commission was not an agency that was routed and the previous 6-0 vote in a Planning Commission meeting should be addressed in the presentation and staff report.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to continue this hearing until a time and date certain of February 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. to address the need for additional time for public and agency comment.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt - Aye.

Commissioner Williams – Aye. Commissioner Bradshaw – Aye. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Deputy Clerk: Claire May