

**BONNER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC WORKSHOP MINUTES
JULY 18, 2023**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Songstad called the Bonner County Planning Commission hearing to order at 4:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room, of the Bonner County Administration Building, 1500 Highway 2, Sandpoint, Idaho, via Zoom webinar, and YouTube live streaming.

PRESENT: Chair Allan Songstad; Vice Chair Don Davis; Commissioners Dave Frankenbach, Matt Linscott, Debby Trinen and Randy Stolz.

ABSENT: Commissioner Mike Leita

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Director Jacob Gabell, Assistant Planning Director Travis Haller, Senior Planner Swati Rastogi, and Hearing Coordinator Jenna Crone.

CHANGES IN AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Chair requested the Commissioners declare if they had any corrections or changes to the approval of minutes as written for June 20, 2023. Hearing no changes or objections, the Chair declared the minutes approved as written.

• **Discussion with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and Idaho Department of Water Resources regarding the Natural Resources Component.**

- The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Idaho Department of Water Resources were invited to attend and give information regarding Natural Resources. No one was in attendance from either agency. One person from IDWR was online via Zoom but did not speak due to microphone issues.

• **Discussion/Action Item:** Recommendation Letter to the Board of County Commissioner regarding Vacation Rental compliance software.

- Commissioner Frankenbach moved to approve the letter of recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Stolz seconded the motion.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION/WORKSHOP:

Comprehensive Plan:

- Discussion of the following components of the Comprehensive Plan (**Not open to public comments**):
 - **Natural Resources**
 - Chapter 2: Vegetation
 - Chapter 3: Soils
 - Chapter 6: Minerals
 - Chapter 9: Climate

The drafts of these suggested updates are available at the Planning Department's website on the Comprehensive Plan Update page.

DISCUSSION:

1. Commissioner & Staff Updates
 - a. BOCC heard AM0005-23 making minor adjustments.
 - b. Continual downturn in land use applications.
 - c. The Housing component of the Comp Plan with go to hearing on July 26, 2023.
2. August 1, 2023, Agenda Items
 - a. Natural Resources
 - b. Update on Vacation Rental Recommendation Letter

At 7:08 p.m., the Chair declared the hearing adjourned until August 1, 2023.

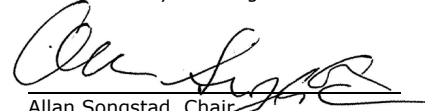
Respectfully submitted,



Jacob Gabell, Planning Director

The above Minutes are hereby approved this 1st day of August 2023.

Bonner County Planning Commission



Allan Songstad, Chair