

**BONNER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Michael Leita, Matt Linscott, Debby Trinen and Randy Stolz.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Director Jacob Gabell, Assistant 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 **August 15, 2023**, and **September 5, 2023**. Hearing no changes or objections, the Chair declared the minutes approved as written.

Discussion regarding EPA opinion on Wetlands based on the 21-454 Sackett vs. EPA Supreme Court decision.

Director Gabell shared with the Commission the action that he has taken to find out what other Counties in the State are doing to make changes to their wetland regulations. Merrit Horsmon, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, addressed the decision from the standpoint of the Department. Moving forward, IDFG will continue to comment on files on a case-by-case basis and they will continue to ask for wetland protection.

DRAFT Vacation Rental Permit Ordinance Review

Director Gabell shared that the Board of County Commissioners approved the software and payment was sent to Deckard. The Commission workshopped proposed changes to Title 12 regarding Short Term Rentals.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION/WORKSHOP:

Comprehensive Plan:


- Discussion of the following components of the Comprehensive Plan was pushed to the October 3, 2023, meeting.
 - **Natural Resources**
 - **Public Services, Facilities and Utilities**

DISCUSSION:

1. Commissioner & Staff Updates
2. October 3, 2023, Agenda Items
 - a. Short term Rental Text Amendment Review (Open to Public Comment)

At 7:22 p.m., the Chair declared the hearing adjourned until October 3, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Jacob Gabell, Planning Director

The above Minutes are hereby approved this 3rd day of October 2023.

Bonner County Planning Commission



Allan Songstad, Chair