

# CROOK COUNTY LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

## Minutes

**Jeanne Whalen**  
*Chairman*

**Nels J. Smith**  
*Vice-Chairman*

**December 13, 2010**

**Members Present:**

Jeanne Whalen, Chairman  
Dennis R. McGirr  
Brian Marchant  
Robert W. Olver

**Members Absent**

Nels Smith, Vice-Chairman

**Visitors:**

Joe Baron, County Attorney  
Hugh Thompson  
Steve Kozel  
Joe Clingan  
Theresa Benavides  
Rick Benavides

**Staff:**

Tim Lyons  
Raquel Croell

Chairman, Jeanne Whalen called the Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the visitors.

**Amend the Agenda**

Brian Marchant moved that the agenda be amended to add Hugh Thompson first in the FYI section and make the Bearlodge Ranger District, Moskee Land Exchange Project Environmental Assessment for Public Comment the first topic under New Business; Dennis R. McGirr seconded the motion which carried.

**Adopt the Agenda**

Dennis R. McGirr moved to adopt the agenda as amended; Brian Marchant seconded the motion which carried.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Brian Marchant moved to accept the minutes from the November 8, 2010 meeting after adding "bark beetle" at the end of the first sentence on the second page, Robert W. Olver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**New Business**

Steve Kozel gave a report for the Bearlodge Ranger District, Moskee Land Exchange Project Environmental Assessment for Public Comment. Discussion was held concerning the condition of the new access roads and improvements needed. Steve Kozel stated that the new roads will provide reasonable access, but will most likely not be as good as the current roads are. Discussion was held concerning the fences in the area that are not on line. Steve Kozel said there is no need to adjust the fences to have them exact. He also stated that the Forest Service does not generally assist in building new fences if the land owner wants them.

The decision on the land exchange will potentially be made in the late spring, but most likely not until the end of the summer. The decision can not be made until the land appraisals are completed once the snow is gone so the land can be seen. Once the appraisals are completed and the decision has been made it will take a few months to complete the deed transfers. The project should be finished in September or October 2011.

Discussion was held concerning the comment letter. Brian Marchant stated that Linda Tokarczyk's comment letter in response to the Bearlodge Ranger District, Moskee Land Exchange Project Environmental Assessment for Public Comment should state that the new road access given to the private land should be as good or better than the existing access. Joe Baron stated the comment letter should be very specific and include the road numbers of both the new and old access roads. Dennis R. McGirr moved to have the Chairman sign the comment letter once Linda Tokarczyk has completed it; Brian Marchant seconded the motion which carried.

Hugh Thompson, Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition (BHRMUC) presented the commission information about an eight hour Coordination Seminar offered by the American Stewards of Liberty that the BHRMUC would like to schedule for local governments in the Black Hills. He stated that if scheduled it would be in Rapid City, South Dakota sometime in February. They are encouraging \$300.00 per county to offset the cost and provide for up to four individuals to attend per county. Fall River County has already committed. Any overage after meeting room costs, etc. will be donated to the American Stewards of Liberty.

Discussion was held concerning preparing a comment letter for the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, Notice of Intent to prepare an Invasive Plant Management Environmental Impact Statement. Brian Marchant moved that the commission should support the Invasive Plant Management Program and coordinate with Crook County Weed & Pest to prepare a joint letter of comment; Robert W. Olver seconded the motion which carried.

Discussion was held concerning the request from WWC Engineering for Strata Energy, Inc., Ross ISR Project zoning conformity for WDEQ/LQD Permit Application. The commission suggested revisions that were made during the meeting to the letter prepared by staff. Brian Marchant moved to approve the letter as revised; Dennis R. McGirr seconded the motion which carried.

### **Old Business**

Discussion was held between the commission and Joe Baron, County Attorney concerning the Crook County Wind Energy Facility Regulation, Draft.

Chairman, Jeanne Whalen provided the commission members a report on the Board of County Commissioners meeting she had attended last week.

Chairman, Jeanne Whalen entertained a motion to adjourn, Brian Marchant moved for adjournment; Dennis R. McGirr seconded the motion which carried. Chairman, Jeanne Whalen adjourned the Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission regular monthly meeting at 9:45 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

January 10, 2011, 7:00 p.m. in the Jury Room at the Crook County Courthouse, Sundance, Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy R. Lyons  
Growth & Development Administrator