

**CROOK COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting
Minutes**

Nels J. Smith
Chairman

Dennis R. McGirr
Vice-Chairman

January 10, 2011

Members Present:

Nels J. Smith, Chairman
Dennis R. McGirr, Vice-Chairman
Robert W. Olver

Members Absent

Brian Marchant

Visitors:

Staff:

Tim Lyons
Raquel Croell

Vice-Chairman, Nels J. Smith called the Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Amend the Agenda

Robert W. Olver moved that the agenda be amended to add the Growth & Development monthly report given by Tim Lyons, Administrator to the Crook County Board of County Commissioners at the end of the FYI section; Dennis R. McGirr seconded the motion which carried.

Adopt the Agenda

Dennis R. McGirr moved to adopt the agenda as amended; Robert W. Olver seconded the motion which carried.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the December 13, 2010 meeting were accepted as written by unanimous consent.

New Business

Election of Officers: The election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman was held due to the resignation of Chairman, Jeanne Whalen. Dennis R. McGirr nominated Nels J. Smith for the position of Chairman and Nels J. Smith was elected by acclamation. Robert W. Olver nominated Dennis R. McGirr for the position of Vice-Chairman and Dennis R. McGirr was elected by acclamation.

Discussion was held and the two letters prepared by staff in response to the two requests from Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC for written planning and zoning approval for their amendment requests to add an additional 113.90 acres to their Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/ Land Quality Division Permit 267C were reviewed. Vice-Chairman, Dennis R. McGirr moved that Chairman, Nels J. Smith sign the letters drafted by staff; Robert W. Olver seconded the motion which carried.

Commission members reviewed the comment letter drafted by Linda Tokarczyk regarding the intent of the Forest Service to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on invasive plant management for the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland (MBRTB). Vice-Chairman, Dennis R. McGirr moved that Chairman, Nels J. Smith sign the comment letter as written. Robert W. Olver seconded the motion. Chairman, Nels J. Smith asked Vice-Chairman, Dennis R. McGirr to take the Chair. Nels J. Smith provided discussion suggesting that a paragraph be added that states: we emphasize the benefit and encourage the use of productive non-native species while controlling destructive invasive species; or use the language from the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board's Invasive Species Subcommittee Final Report 07-20-05. Robert W. Olver moved to amend the

motion to include; that the comment letter be revised before being signed to incorporate language that reflects the present Black Hills Forest language regarding control of invasive species as to include the use of introduced species, which the correct wording will be provided to staff by Nels J. Smith; Nels J. Smith seconded the motion and then re-assumed the chair, the motion carried as amended.

Discussion was held concerning a letter received from the Bearlodge District Ranger, Steven J. Kozel giving notice that the Black Hills National Forest is considering selling approximately 21.00 acres of National Forest lands located in Section 28 and 33 of Township 51 North Range 60 West, 6th PM, Crook County, Wyoming utilizing the Small Tracts Act authority.

Chairman, Nels J. Smith adjourned the Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission regular monthly meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Next Meeting

February 7, 2011, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Crook County Courthouse, Sundance, Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy R. Lyons
Growth & Development Administrator