

CROOK COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Nels J. Smith
Chairman

Dennis R. McGirr
Vice-Chairman

July 11, 2011

Members Present:

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

Members Absent

Roger Connett

Visitors:

Ralph Goodson

Staff:

Tim Lyons
Joe Baron

Chairman, Nels J. Smith called the Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Adopt the Agenda

Chairman, Nels J. Smith asked that the agenda be adopted; the agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

Approval of the Minutes

Robert W. Olver moved to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting as presented; Roger Connett seconded the motion which carried.

Roger Connett moved to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2011 joint subdivision hearing as presented; Robert W. Olver seconded the motion which carried.

New Business

Discussion was held concerning the USDA Forest Service 2011 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant which is now available for public review and comment. Roger Connett moved to have Linda Tokarczyk draft a letter of comment and distribute it to the members by email for their review; Robert W. Olver seconded the motion which carried.

Discussion was held concerning the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers Draft Guidance on Identifying Waters Protected by the Clean Water Act which is now available for public review and comment. Robert W. Olver moved to have Linda Tokarczyk draft a letter of comment and distribute it to the members by email for their review; Roger Connett seconded the motion which carried.

Discussion was held concerning the Proposed Land Use Policy for Crook County submitted at the April meeting by Hugh Thompson. During this discussion it was decided that wording from Hugh Thompson's proposed Land Use Policy for Crook County concerning wolves should be used to draft an amendment for the 1998 Land Use Plan for Crook County. Robert W. Olver moved to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the following amendment to become the second paragraph of Section 13, Wildlife, Objective. **"Crook County has healthy and viable big game populations (mule and white-tail deer, elk, antelope and turkey) and sport hunting is a valuable component of our economy, we oppose any action that would be detrimental to this value including the introduction**

or re-introduction of any wildlife species not currently present in our county. As agriculture, ranching and hunting are major industries in our county, we oppose the introduction, re-introduction or increase, either overtly or through benign neglect, of any predatory animals, especially wolves.”; Roger Connett seconded the motion which carried.

Chairman, Nels J. Smith adjourned the Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission regular monthly meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Next Meeting

August 8, 2011, 7:00 p.m. in the Crook County Courthouse Jury Room, Sundance, Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy R. Lyons
Administrator