

CROOK COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Nels J. Smith
Chairman

Roger Connett
Vice-Chairman

April 7, 2014

Members Present:

Nels J. Smith, Chairman
Roger Connett, Vice-Chairman – By phone
Dennis R. McGirr
Robert W. Olver
Becky Rolf – By Phone

Members Absent:

Visitors:

Staff:

Tim Lyons

The regular meeting of the Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order April 7, 2014 at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman, Nels Smith.

Amend and Adopt the Agenda

Chairman, Nels J. Smith asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Roger Connett asked that the agenda be amended by adding the topic of Conservation Agreements; to have discussion about possibly adding an amendment to the 2014 Crook County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft, as requested by Commissioner Whalen and also to discuss developing comments for the USFS NEPA public scoping process for the Rare Element Resources, rare earth elements mine project. Chairman, Nels J. Smith asked if there were any additional changes to the agenda, hearing none; the agenda was amended and adopted by unanimous consent.

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman, Nels J. Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held March 10, 2014. Robert W. Olver so moved; Dennis R. McGirr seconded the motion which carried.

New Business

Chairman, Nels J. Smith asked if there was any objection to tabling the review of the Minor Subdivision Regulation amendments until next month and move on to the other agenda items, hearing none; the Minor Subdivision Regulation amendments were tabled until next month by unanimous consent.

Chairman, Nels J. Smith asked for input from the other commission members concerning the Invasive Plant Management Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Medicine Bow – Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grasslands. Discussion was held and Dennis McGirr suggested that the commission state their support for Alternative 2 in their comment letter; all members were in agreement and approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman Nels J. Smith then moved on to the Rare Element Resources, Inc. – Bear Lodge Project. Discussion was held concerning the public scoping process and submitting comments. Dennis R. McGirr suggested that the commission utilize Dave Schrall to draft the comment letters; all members were in agreement and approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman, Nels J. Smith opened discussion on the topic of Conservation Agreements, discussion was held; and Becky Rolf suggested that the commission provide information about Conservation Agreement to the Board of County Commissioners at the public hearing for the 2014 Crook County

Comprehensive Land Use Plan scheduled for May 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. and let the County Commissioners add an amendment to the Plan at the public hearing if they wish; all members agreed and approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman, Nels J. Smith then asked if there was any other business to come before the commission; hearing none; Chairman, Nels J. Smith adjourned the Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Commission regular monthly meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Crook County Courthouse Jury Room, Sundance, Wyoming.

Timothy R. Lyons
Administrator