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**PLUMAS COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Minutes of the Meeting of March 5, 2009

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The Plumas County Planning Commission (the *Commission*) convenes in their regular meeting on March 5, 2009, at 10:03 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy; Vice Chairman, Mark Dotta, presiding. Members appointed are as follows:

1. Mark Dotta, Vice Chairman (District 1);
2. Elizabeth "Betsy" Schramel, Commissioner (District 2);
3. Richard Rydell, Chairman (District 3);
4. Larry Williams (District 4); and
5. John Olofson, Commissioner (District 5).

Staff in Attendance: Randy Wilson, Planning Director  
Jim Graham, Senior Planner  
Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – By Vice Chair Dotta.

II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – Not performed (waiting for acquisition of a flag).

III. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mark Dotta, Betsy Schramel, John Olofson, Larry Williams.  
**Absent:** Rich Rydell

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chairman Dotta calls for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion is made by Commissioner Olofson and Commissioner Schramel seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

V. **CHAIR & COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Schramel presents handouts from ABWAC for Commission review. Schramel also provides a reminder that ongoing discussion with adjoining counties would be advantageous.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Vice Chairman Dotta opens the Public Comment period. No comments are presented.

## **VII. CONSENT ITEMS**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Dotta states that approval of the minutes of November 29, 2007, is postponed until information is gathered from County Counsel to determine whether they should be approved by the two remaining Commissioners from 2007 or approved by the current Commissioners.

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the minutes from January 15, 2009, and February 19, 2009. Motion is made by Commissioner Olofson. Commissioner Schramel seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

## **VIII. SCHEDULED MATTERS**

### **A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RULES OF CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Planning Director Wilson says the numbering on this resolution should be changed from 002 to 001 if it is adopted first. General discussion takes place among Commissioners and Wilson about the contents of the resolution. A motion is made by Commissioner Williams to adopt the *Rules of Conduct of Business of the Plumas County Planning Commission* with the numbering change noted. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Olofson and a unanimous voice vote is recorded.

### **B. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Commissioner Olofson nominates Vice Chair Dotta to the position of Planning Commission Chair. Commissioner Williams seconds the motion and a unanimous voice vote is recorded.

Commissioner Olofson nominates Commissioner Schramel to the position of Planning Commission Vice Chair. Commissioner Williams seconds the motion and a unanimous voice vote is recorded.

### **C. DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Planning Director Wilson refers to the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* handout and explains that a committee consisting of Brian Morris, Frank Stewart, Bob Perreault and himself will be discussing this topic with the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting. Wilson emphasizes the importance of the Draft EIS being "in tune" with the General Plan update process. Wilson introduces Brian Morris, of Flood Control, who explains that the County needs to work with the Forest Service

prior to the Forest Service deciding to take forest roads out of service. Morris adds that the *Sierra Access Coalition* has requested more time to review this matter and acquire a better understanding of what is being proposed. Discussion takes place among Commissioners and Staff resulting in the motion by Commissioner Olofson for Morris to relay to the Board of Supervisors that the Planning Commission goes on record in support of the letter that will be presented at the BOS meeting. Commissioner Williams seconds the motion and a unanimous voice vote is recorded.

**D. PLUMAS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE CONSULTANT**

Planning Director Wilson provides a summary of the interviews conducted on March 3, 2009, of *Mintier-Harnish* and *Design Workshop*. Chair Dotta opens discussion by asking each Commissioner to explain which firm they support for the consultant position. Each Commissioner provides their opinion and discussion takes place among Commissioners and Staff resulting in Dotta and Williams preferring *Mintier-Harnish* and Olofson and Schramel preferring *Design Workshop*. Wilson explains he has not finished the background checking process. Wilson asks the Commissioners if they would like him to report to the Board of Supervisors at their upcoming meeting that the Planning Commission has a 2 to 2 split for the choice of Consultant. Commissioner Williams makes a motion to report the Planning Commission's 2 to 2 split vote to the Board of Supervisors. The motion is approved by a roll call vote as follows: Dotta – Yes, Schramel – Yes, Williams – Yes, Olofson – Abstain, Rydell – Absent.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Wilson states that a notice has appeared in the paper on March 4, 2009, concerning the presentation to the Board of Supervisors of a request to the *Office of Planning and Research (OPR)* for a General Plan Update Extension. Wilson elaborates that this extension will provide legal protection during the General Plan Update process. Wilson adds that the Housing Element would not be part of this extension because it is required to be adopted in August, 2009. Discussion takes place among Commissioners and Staff with no action taken.

**B. ONGOING PROJECT UPDATES**

**1. Feather River Inn**

Wilson states that this project will be heard on appeal (filed by High Sierra Rural Alliance) at the March 17, 2009, Board of Supervisors meeting.

**2. Agnew (Johnsville)**

Becky Herrin, Planner, explains that due to historical value, there is an appeal against the decision to tear down an existing building.

X. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None presented.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Dotta adjourns the meeting 12:40 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for March 19, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the Planning and Building Services Conference Room located at 555 Main Street in Quincy.



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Mark Dotta, Chair  
Plumas County Planning Commission



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Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary