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

The Plumas County Planning Commission (the *Commission*) convenes in a Meeting on November 5, 2009, at 10:04 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA; Mark Dotta, Chair, presiding. Members appointed are as follows:

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

Staff in Attendance: Randy Wilson, Planning Director
Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner
Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary

Supervisors in Attendance: None

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - By Chair Dotta
- II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – By Planning Commission and Attendees
- III. **ROLL CALL**

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

IV. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion is made by Olofson. Williams seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, September 3, and October 1, 2009. Motion is made by Williams. Olofson seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

V. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS** - No comments.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Dotta opens the Public Comment Opportunity. Hearing none, Dotta closes the Public Comment Opportunity.

VII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT

1. STATUS ON CONSULTANT PRODUCTS

Planning Director Wilson and Senior Planner Herrin report that they have been working with the Consultant and preparations for the joint BOS/PC Workshop are coming together.

Concern is expressed by Olofson that there hasn't been input so far from the Economic consultant. Olofson adds that he would like to have that particular consultant involved in the process early on.

B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY – No comments.

VIII. UPDATE ON PACIFIC FOREST AND WATERSHED LANDS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL LAND CONSERVATION PLANNING PROCESS

Brian Morris, General Manager of the *Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District*, begins his Power Point presentation (see attached outline) by explaining that there are five "Planning Units" in Plumas County (primarily North County) and that the Stewardship Council works to preserve land, by way of Fee Title donations and conservation easements for the benefit of the public. During the presentation, considerable discussion among Commissioners and Morris takes place concerning the topics of public access and historic uses of lands. Morris explains that there are collaborative discussions going on between the Stewardship Council and such entities as P.G. & E. and the Maidu Consortium. Following the presentation Williams asks Morris about Feather River water rights and "selling" water to the southern part of the State. Morris replies that water rights to the water itself has not been established; however, local jurisdictions have "first use" rights to the water. Lindsey Buis-Kelly, attendee, asks how the General Plan Update can help protect water in Plumas County. Morris responds that efforts to keep water in Plumas County longer would be one approach. Morris adds that finding funding to help get ahead of mandates could also help.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. PLANNING DEPARTMENT WEBSITE UPDATE

Dennis Miller, GIS Coordinator, provides a visual update of the Planning & Building website.

2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Wilson and Miller talk about an upcoming request going to the Board of Supervisors for existing Title 3 fund to be applied to GIS mapping to be done in conjunction with mapping endeavors by the Fire Safe Council.

3. REVIEW OF THE EXISTING PLUMAS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN – No report.

4. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES

a.) Zoning Administrator

Wilson mentions that the *Lake Almanor Country Club "Garage"* appeal and the *Lake Front at Walker Ranch EIR* appeal will be brought before the Board of Supervisors at an upcoming hearing.

b.) Current Planning – No report.

X. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Vacation Rentals vs Lodging
- Summary of the Joint BOS/PC Workshop

Discussion takes place whether to have a Planning Commission meeting on November 19, 2009, based on the fact that the joint BOS/PC Workshop falls on the 10th. Olofson moves that the meeting takes place on the 19th as scheduled. Schramel seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dotta adjourns the meeting of November 5, 2009, at 12:24 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is November 19, 2009, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Department Conference Room.



Mark Dotta, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary