
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of November 1, 2018

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Dr. Robert Abbott, Chair (District 1)
Moorea Hoffman Stout, Commissioner (District 2)
Jeff Greening, Commissioner (District 3)
Larry Williams, Commissioner (District 4)
John Olofson, Vice-Chair (District 5)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Abbott calls the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dr. Robert Abbott, Moorea Hoffman Stout, Jeff Greening, Larry Williams, John Olofson

Commissioners Absent: none

Also in attendance (Supervisors and staff)

Supervisor Michael Sanchez, District 1

Supervisor Sherrie Thrall, District 3

Randy Wilson, Planning Director

Rebecca Herrin, Assistant Planning Director

Tim Evans, Assistant Planner

Gretchen Stuhr, Deputy County Counsel III

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. *There are no items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda.*

B. *M/S/C: Williams/Greening/5-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2018.*

M/S/C: Williams/Greening/5-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2018.

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams shares an article on telecommunications.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There are no public comments.

VII. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Director Randy Wilson reports on the appellate court decision regarding High Sierra Rural Alliance v. County of Plumas. The appellate court decided in the County's favor and awarded the county legal fees. This decision will provide certainty regarding the legality of the general plan and provide a positive impact on the economy.

Supervisor Thrall reports on the County's attempts to improve communications with the Planning Commissioners which will involve obtaining county email addresses in order to avoid using individual private devices for receiving and sending Planning Commission-related emails. This system is designed to provide legal protection for the Commissioners. The emails will now be logged onto the County's server which will facilitate public records recovery if necessary. Larger email documents can be viewed on the system and archived on the server as well.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY CODE BY ADOPTING THE STATE'S MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

The public hearing was opened on October 18, 2018 and has been continued until today's meeting. Assistant Planner Tim Evans gives the staff presentation. Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance.

The Commissioners discuss fees for implementing the ordinance. Wilson explains that local jurisdictions have the option of raising fees to cover costs of implementation. Commissioner Stout asks about a variance procedure. For example, can a school, cemetery or non-profit organization apply for an exemption due to costs? Wilson reads the exemption section on the first page of the ordinance:

"The following landscape projects are exempt from this chapter:

- A. Registered local, state, or federal historical sites.
- B. Ecological restoration projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system.
- C. Mined-land reclamation projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system.
- D. Gardens or plant collections, as part of botanical gardens and arboretums open to the public."

The Commissioners discuss mandatory water reductions due to drought. Wilson recommends that the districts that provide water be notified about the requirements in the ordinance.

Chair Abbott asks if there is any further commission review or comment on the ordinance. Hearing none, the public hearing is closed.

M/S/C: Greening/Olofson/5-0 to approve Resolution 2018-1 making recommendations and to advance the ordinance to the Board of Supervisors.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES:

None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

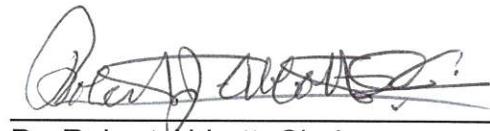
XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Williams asks about the potential Commission workload after the election on November 7th. Wilson explains that the Board will address the issue of the Cannabis ordinance after the election. Discussion is scheduled for the meeting of December 11th.

Chair Abbott asks about items for the meeting on the 15th. Perhaps a staff report on the zoning code update? Gretchen Stuhr explains that now that the litigation regarding the General Plan is resolved, the implementation can go forward.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C: Olofson/Williams/5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 15, 2018.



Dr. Robert Abbott, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Rebecca Herrin, Assistant Planning Director