



Minutes

DESCHUTES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER
1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97703
APRIL 13TH, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

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I. Call to Order

Chairperson Jessica Kieras called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Planning Commissioners present in-person: Chair Jessica Kieras, Dale Crawford, Matt Cyrus, Susan Altman and Vice-Chair Nathan Hovekamp. Present via Zoom: Toni Williams, and Maggie Kirby.

Staff present: Peter Gutowsky – Community Development Director, Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner.

II. Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2023

Commissioner Crawford moves to accept as presented. Commissioner Kirby Seconds. Vote: unanimous vote to approve.

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Action Items

1. **Public Hearing: Mule Deer Inventory Update Amendments (Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner and Andrew Walch, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife District Biologist)**

- Chair Kieras, Commissioner Cyrus, and Vice-Chair Hovekamp made disclosures and maintained their ability to remain impartial on the topic.
- Tanya shared a brief overview of the proposed text amendments.
- Andrew Walch provided testimony on Mule Deer populations, seasonal ranges, and migratory patterns.

Public Comment

- Jaime Bowles, ODFW Regional Habitat Biologist – Provided testimony in support of proposed text amendments.
- Zach Sweeny, Sisters, OR – Provided testimony in opposition of the proposed text amendments.

- Leroy Cabana – Provided testimony in opposition of the proposed text amendments.
- Monica Tommisey– Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendments.
- Jim Greer – Provided Testimony in support of proposed text amendments.
- Shane Gomes, Oregon Cattlemen’s Association – provided Testimony in opposition to the proposed amendments.
- Robert Fish, Tumalo, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
- Jean Fish – Provided testimony in opposition of the proposed text amendment.
- MaryJo Hedrick, Oregon Hunter’s Association – Provided Testimony in support of the proposed amendment.
- Steve Hagen, Oregon Hunter’s Association State President – Provided testimony in support of the text amendment.
- Rory Isbel – Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendment with recommended changes.
- Erin Jansen – Prposed testimony in opposition to the proposed amendments.
- Carl Finland – Provided testimony in support of the proposed amendments.
- Rick Gillespie – Provided testimony in opposition the proposed amendment.
- Rick Stringfield, Tumalo, OR – Provided testimony on mule deer.
- Kay Knott – Provided testimony in opposition the proposed text amendment.
- Michael Roscoe – Provided testimony in the opposition the text amendment.
- Gary Meyer, Tumalo, OR – Provided testimony in question of the data presented by ODFW.
- Ryder Redfield, Sisters, OR – Provided testimony in support of the text amendment.
- Sky Sharp – Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendment.
- Randy Windlix, Benc, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
- Robin Vora – Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendment.
- Ted Netter, Terrebonne, OR. Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendments.
- Jean Simmons – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendments.
- Ashley Keritas – Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendments.
- Glen Burleigh - Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendments.
- Stella Larson, Bend, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
- Robert Turner – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed amendment.
- Pamela Mitchell – Sisters, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed amendment.
- Dave Gobel – Provided testimony in opposition the proposed text amendment.
- Alicia Braatz – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
- Ed Galazo, Tumalo, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
- Tori Garcia – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
- Rainbow Dreamer – Provided testimony in opposition to proposed text amendment.
- Barb Holcum, Bend, OR – Provided testimony in support to the proposed text amendment.

Motions: Commissioner Cyrus moves to continue the hearing through April 27th. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

2. Draft Planning Division Work Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 / Deliberations

Motion: Commissioner Cyrus moved to rescind previous meeting's motion regarding deliberations occurring this evening. Vice-Chair Hovekamp seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion is rescinded. No deliberations this evening.

Commissioner Williams moved to have deliberations on Draft Work Plan occur on April 27th. Commissioner Altman seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

V. Planning Commission and Staff Comments

- Peter commended the participation and quality of information provided in this hearing.
- Tanya thanked the public and commission for their time and consideration.
- Will commended the level of participation and quality of information this evening.
- Commissioner Williams commended Chair Kieras and public participation.
- Commissioner Altman shared the sentiments of her fellow commissioners.
- Chair Kieras commended staff work product and efficiency of this meeting as well as respectful public participation.
- Vice-Chair Hovekamp commended the Chair for her work this evening.
- Commissioner Cyrus commended the efficiency of the evening.
- Will Groves provided an update on upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update outreach efforts.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Clark

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