



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

3:00 PM

MONDAY April 17, 2023

Allen Room
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Anthony DeBone, Patti Adair (via Zoom) and Phil Chang. Also present were Nick Lelack, County Administrator; Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator; Whitney Hale, Deputy County Administrator; Dave Doyle, County Counsel; and Brenda Fritsvold, BOCC Executive Assistant.

This meeting was audio and video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal website www.deschutes.org/meetings.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair DeBone called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Document No. 2023-382, rendering the Board's decision on the Thornburgh Destination Resort's 2022 Fish & Wildlife Mitigation Plan Modification Approval**

Caroline House, Senior Planner, reviewed that in 2022, the developer of the Thornburgh Resort ("Applicant") applied to replace the resort's 2008 Fish & Wildlife Mitigation Plan (FWMP) with a new FWMP ("2022 FWMP"). After the Hearings Officer denied the request, two appeals of the Hearings Officer's decision were filed. Following an appeal hearing before the Board on February 1st, the Board conducted deliberations on March 29th and voted 2-1 to approve the Applicant's modification request. Additionally, the Board affirmed the Applicant's appeal and denied the appeal filed by Annunziata Gould.

House presented a draft final decision of the Board for its consideration.

Commissioner Chang stated his belief that the Hearings Officer decision was well-reasoned and said he did not support the draft decision as presented. He explained his key concerns that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife opinion's on the FWMP should be taken into consideration, and that the application does not provide adequate assurance that mitigation water will be produced in the right places to ensure no net loss of habitat.

Commissioner Adair asked that the draft decision be revised to refer to Lucius Caldwell by the title of doctor throughout the document. House agreed to update the document before it is signed.

Commissioner DeBone noted the matter of this appeal and decision only addresses the new FWMP sought by the applicant. He said the revised FWMP appears to offer net benefits for fish and wildlife habitat.

Commissioner Chang said the fact that a development has water rights does not guarantee no net loss of habitat.

ADAIR: Move approval of Document No. 2023-382, rendering the Board's decision on file/appeal nos. 247-22-000678-MC, 984-A, and 247-23-000003-A

DEBONE: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes

CHANG: No

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 2 - 1

2. Healthy Schools Program Update

Jessica Jacks, Prevention and Health Promotion Program Manager, and Aimee Snyder, Healthy Schools Supervisor, were joined by Lora Nordquist, Sean Reinhart and Dean Richards from the Bend-La Pine School District to provide an update on the Healthy Schools Program. Jacks explained this program brings the expertise of Public Health into schools for the purpose of addressing adolescent suicide, alcohol and other drug use, vaping, social media, and pregnancy as well as other conditions which may disconnect students from school. Jacks shared examples of progress made since the program's launch, including that 95% of the district's middle and high school Health teachers now use effective skills-based Health curricula to address student health needs.

Commissioner Chang referred to the budget decisions made two years ago to enable this program and said it was exciting to see how the initial vision is translating to true deliverables that help keep kids healthy.

Commissioner Adair asked if this program will help raise La Pine High School's low graduation rate, which she found highly concerning. Richards spoke to the negative effect of stress on mental health and said the school is conducting outreach with families to help students stay or get back on track. Nordquist added that the school is also attempting to promote regular attendance.

Commissioner Adair expressed her appreciation for the program and hoped that future results will demonstrate its impact.

Jacks concluded that Health Services will request to add one public health specialist in the FY24 budget to serve Caldera High School with this program at a 50/50 cost match with the district.

Commissioner Chang asked that the video from this presentation and discussion along with the slide deck be shared with the Budget Committee.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeBone served on the interview panel for the Central and South-Central Oregon Regional Solutions Coordinator position with Governor Kotek's Office. Other persons serving on the interview panel included Lake County Commissioner Barry Shullanberger, Regional Solutions Director Amelia Porterfield and Greg Svelund from the Department of Environmental Quality.
- Commissioner Chang asked about the delay of the planned presentation from Central Oregon Veterans Outreach and the Bend Heroes Foundation on the Veterans Village program. Commissioner DeBone explained his request that these groups meet separately with Commissioners before a presentation is made to the full Board, and said that Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO) Director Cheyenne Purrington should be involved in these efforts as part of her work to manage homeless issues across the county.

Commissioner Chang preferred that a presentation be made to the full Board without separate meetings in advance. He disagreed that the CHRO should be involved in the relationship between the Board and these approved service providers.

Commissioner Adair noted that thanks to the Veterans Village program, 12 veterans have moved on to permanent housing over the last 17 months. She

advised since enlarging the population increases the number of personality disagreements between clients. She shared she is in regular contact with these groups and stated her preference that they present their request to the Board sooner rather than later.

- Commissioner Adair acknowledged and thanked recently retired Sunriver Fire Chief Tim Moor.
- Commissioner Adair reported on a Health Council meeting in Jefferson County in Madras on Thursday and said Jefferson County's health metrics are the lowest in the state.
- Commissioner Adair shared items discussed at a COACT meeting last Thursday, including the potential impact of requiring all-electric vehicles on the trucking industry and the lack of infrastructure in Oregon to support such a requirement.
- Commissioner DeBone described the route taken last Thursday on a helicopter tour with Bend Mayor Melanie Kebler and other staff from the City of Bend. He shared information from an Airport Committee meeting in Redmond, including plans to redesign and improve the second floor of the terminal.
- Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp reported that Cannabis Advisory Panel member Joseph Stapleton has submitted his resignation.

A short break was announced at 4:12 pm; the meeting resumed at 4:17 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 4:17 p.m., the Board recessed into Executive Session regarding ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property Negotiations. At 4:31 p.m., the Board came out of Executive Session to direct staff to proceed as discussed.

ADJOURN:

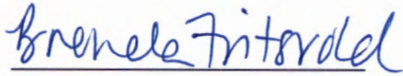
Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

DATED this 23rd Day of May 2023 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR

ATTEST:


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PATTI ADAIR, VICE CHAIR


PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER