



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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# BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY January 17, 2024**

Barnes Sawyer Rooms  
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair (via Zoom), Tony DeBone and Phil Chang. Also present were County Administrator Nick Lelack; County Counsel David Doyle; and BOCC Executive Assistant Brenda Fritsvold.

This meeting was audio and video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal webpage [www.deschutes.org/meetings](http://www.deschutes.org/meetings).

**CALL TO ORDER:** At Chair Adair's suggestion, Vice Chair DeBone agreed to chair the meeting and called it to order at 9:00 a.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### CITIZEN INPUT:

- Ron Boozell recounted the killing last year of a man by dogs at a homeless encampment and urged action to prevent this kind of thing from reoccurring.

### CONSENT AGENDA: Before the Board was Consideration of the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Order No. 2024-002, vacating a portion of Sage Ranch Road
2. Consideration of Board Signature on letters of appointment, reappointment and thanks for various committees and special road districts
3. Approval of minutes of the BOCC January 3, 2024 meeting

CHANG: Move approval of the Consent Agenda as amended to correct a reference to the North Unit Irrigation District in the minutes of January 3, 2024

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes  
ADAIR: Yes  
DEBONE: Vice Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

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#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **4. Historic Landmarks Commission Update – Recruitments and Reappointments**

Will Groves, Planning Manager, said following the Board's direction to reopen the recruitment to fill vacant positions on the Historic Landmarks Commission, the County received an additional 10 applications for a total of 12. A selection committee conducted nine interviews and recommends the appointment of three new members and one new ex-officio member. In addition, staff seeks the reappointments of current members for additional four-year terms.

Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner, said the breadth and depth of experience and knowledge of the applicants made selecting new members difficult.

Commissioner DeBone noted the diversity of backgrounds of the current members and applicants, and expressed appreciation to everyone who is willing to serve in this way.

Commissioner Chang commented that the Commission represents a resource commitment on the part of the County, and was glad that the community's enthusiastic response to the need for new members will enable the continuation of historical preservation efforts.

Commissioner Adair said as someone who earned a degree in history, she was personally delighted that so many people care about the County's history.

DEBONE: Move to approve the following appointments to the Historic Landmarks Commission: Lore Christopher for a term beginning immediately until March 31, 2026; Eli Ashley for a term beginning immediately until March 31, 2026; and Marc Hudson for a term

beginning immediately until March 31, 2024 with an immediate reappointment upon expiration to March 31, 2028

CHANG: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes  
ADAIR: Yes  
DEBONE: Vice Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

CHANG: Move to appoint Lillian Syphers to a new ex-officio position on the Historic Landmarks Commission for a term ending March 31, 2028

DEBONE: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes  
ADAIR: Yes  
DEBONE: Vice Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

ADAIR: Move to reappoint Rachel Stemach and Dennis Schmidling to the Historic Landmarks Commission for terms expiring March 31, 2028 and reappoint Chris Horting-Jones to an ex-officio position on the Historic Landmarks Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2028

CHANG: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes  
ADAIR: Yes  
DEBONE: Vice Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

Saltzman said a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Historic Landmarks Commission has been scheduled for Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**5. First reading of Ordinance 2024-001 changing the Comprehensive Plan Map Designation and Zone Designation for 40 acres located at 64430 Hunnell Road**

Citing his interest in park development on the adjacent County-owned property, Commissioner Chang recused himself from the Board’s deliberations and action on this matter and stepped down from the dais.

Jacob Ripper, Principal Planner, reviewed the background of the requests to change the Comprehensive Plan Map designation and Zone designation for the subject property. Although these acres are currently zoned Exclusive Farm Use, there is no indication in the record of current or historic farm or agricultural uses. Further, the property is not irrigated and has no irrigation water rights. Following

a public hearing in November, the Hearings Officer recommended approval of the requested Comprehensive Plan Map and Zone changes.

ADAIR: Move approval of first reading by title only of an ordinance amending Deschutes County Code Title 23, the Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan, to change the Comprehensive Plan Map Designation for certain property from Agriculture to Rural Residential Exception Area, and amending Deschutes County Code Title 18, the Deschutes County Zoning Map, to change the Zone Designation for certain property from Exclusive Farm Use to Multiple Use Agricultural

DEBONE: Second

VOTE: CHANG: (abstained)

ADAIR: Yes

DEBONE: Vice Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 2 - 1 - 0

Chair Adair read the title of the ordinance into the record. Commissioner DeBone noted that second reading will be conducted in two weeks.

Commissioner Chang returned to the dais.

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

- County Administrator Nick Lelack relayed a request from Judge Ashby to use the courthouse on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> for the 2024 Mock Trial Competition. The Board was in consensus to grant this request.
- Lelack wished everyone safe travels today given the icy road conditions.
- Commissioner DeBone reported on the community meeting held yesterday evening regarding hunting on federal land in South Deschutes County. He suggested that next steps start with clearly defining the situation, beginning with explaining the fact of no shooting zones in private property neighborhoods, the establishment of a 150-yard setback from the river, etc., and proceeding from there.

Saying he was glad this community conversation is taking place, Commissioner Chang noted that some people have expressed interest in exploring the establishment of no shooting or hunting zones under the Dingell Act. He added that such an effort would require a broad base of community support.

Commissioner DeBone said the USFS staff in attendance took note of this interest, which may be appropriate to explore with the County's Congressional delegation.

In response to Commissioner Chang, Commissioner DeBone said the question of whether the County would support such an effort may come before it at some point, and be decided then.

Commissioner Adair understood why some residents in Sunriver are apprehensive about duck hunting occurring near their homes.

Commissioner Chang raised the idea of establishing a no shooting zone in the China Hat area to address citizen concerns. Commissioner DeBone concluded that whatever is decided needs to be a consensus of the community rather than one group imposing its will on another.

- Commissioner Adair reported on the annual Fair Board dinner.
- Commissioner Chang reported on last week's EDCO board meeting where the subjects of regional power supply reliability and affordability were discussed. He further shared that at this morning's REDI board meeting, members discussed how the groundwater allocation rulemaking process will affect the City of Redmond's water supply; also taken up was the possibility of whether a construction excise tax could fund public investment in affordable housing.
- Commissioner DeBone said at yesterday's 9-1-1 User Board meeting, it was reported that the department's workforce is stabilizing.
- Lelack reminded that the Board's meeting next Wednesday will begin at 1 pm instead of 9 am due to the COCC State of the College event in the morning.

Commissioner DeBone said he will attend a congressional tour of Oasis Village and Redmond's water processing plant that morning.

- Commissioner Adair attended yesterday's Project Wildfire meeting where the subjects of grant funding and the State's ongoing efforts to finalize wildfire maps were discussed. She invited viewers to watch the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting online when staff will present information on property insurance concerns (i.e., premium cost increases and policy cancellations).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURN:**

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

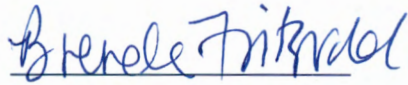
DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2024 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.





PATTI ADAIR, CHAIR

ATTEST:



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ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE CHAIR  
PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER