
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**
Minutes of the Meeting of May 7, 2009

The Plumas County Planning Commission (the *Commission*) convenes in their regular meeting on May 7, 2009, at 10:02 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy; Vice Chairman, Mark Dotta, 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

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – By Chair Dotta.

II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – By Planning Commission and Attendees.

III. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mark Dotta, Betsy Schramel, John Olofson, Larry Williams, Rich Rydell.
Absent: None.

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

V. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS**

Chair Dotta, Vice Chair Schramel, and Planning Director Wilson announce that they attended a very positive joint meeting of Sierra County and Plumas County to discuss problems and concerns. Later that afternoon, Dotta attended a meeting arranged by Brian

Morris of *Flood Control* to discuss water issues. Wilson states he met with the Stewardship Council and the discussion centered on the disposal of excess PG&E lands. Dotta attended a Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative meeting that focused on incentive programs for solar and wind. Commissioner Olofson attended a meeting of cattlemen in Vinton dealing with riparian restoration and maintenance. Commissioner Williams participated in a two day tour to look at sustainable energy options in Plumas County.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Vice Chairman Dotta opens the Public Comment period. Julie Newman from the Department of Fish and Game introduces herself and states that she has been assigned to do CEQA review. She adds that she would like to attend Planning Commission meetings and be involved in the General Plan update process.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the minutes from March 5, 2009. Motion is made by Commissioner Williams. Vice Chair Schramel seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the minutes from March 19, 2009. Motion is made by Commissioner Williams. Vice Chair Schramel seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

VIII. HOUSING ELEMENT WORKSHOP

Director Wilson announces that the Housing Element must be updated by the end of August, 2009. Wilson adds that the Housing Element will need to be consistent with the existing General Plan, but that it most likely will need to be updated again during the General Plan update process. John Sheehan of *Plumas Corporation* explains that he has been working with Steve Allen, former Senior Planner, and David Keller of *Community Development* to begin the Housing Element update process in conjunction with the Planning Commission. Allen provides a historical / legislative summary of the Housing Element for the Commissioners and adds that there will probably not be any major changes to the existing housing element. Sheehan goes over the topics of government constraints and non-government constraints and provides a review of the previous housing program. Keller focuses on mandatory and discretionary items pertaining to the Housing Element update. Following general questions and discussion, Sheehan states that he'd like the Sub-committee to meet next week to develop a preliminary Draft Housing Element.

IX. APPOINTMENT BY THE CHAIR OF A SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

- Chair Dotta appoints John Olofson and Larry Williams to the sub-committee to review the draft housing element update.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. OPR GENERAL PLAN EXTENSION APPROVAL

Director Wilson reads and elaborates on the approval letter from OPR that the Commissioners had previously received via Email.

2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Wilson announces that the appeal for the Feather River Inn was denied and that the zoning ordinance hearing will be May 19, 2002.

Wilson states that the contract for the General Plan Update consultant is in review by County Counsel.

Wilson says that bringing the operation of LAFCo into the Planning Department is being looked at.

3. ONGOING PROJECT UPDATES – No information presented.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE – None presented.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Dotta adjourns the meeting 12:26 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for May 21, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Planning and Building Services Conference Room located at 555 Main Street in Quincy.



Mark Dotta, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary