

**FERRY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
November 4, 2009**

Chairwoman Tamra Stevens called the Regular November 04, 2009 meeting of the Planning Commission to order. Commissioners Virginia Sweetland, Gary Howden, Bob Kirkham, Carmen Peterson and John Hamilton were also present. Irene Whipple was present from the Planning Department.

❖ **Review of Minutes from 7/8/09:**

- Last section of page 4, Gary Howden believed that there was a motion that was seconded and unanimously approved to enter the three documents he submitted into the official record. Upon listening to a recording of the minutes, there was no such motion or second. The Planning Commission will be notified of this and the minutes will be resubmitted for approval during the December 9, 2009 meeting.
- Bottom of page 2. After the sentence, “Comment # 2 should be disregarded as it was a phone call.” Add the explanation, “Anything that is not directly written by the commenter could be misinterpreted or confused.”

❖ **Review of Minutes from 8/5/09:** Approved as written. Gary Howden made a motion to approve the minutes as written. John Hamilton seconded the motion with all in favor of the motion.

❖ **Planning Commission Terms:** Four members have terms that are coming up for renewal and need to think about whether they want to continue on the board. All open positions must be advertised. For the interim members to be renewed, the positions must be advertised and no interest shown. The two interim members are Lorna Johnson and John Hamilton; and the two regular members are Virginia Sweetland and John Egge. Carmen Peterson is selling her house and will be out of her district. She is willing to continue on the Planning Commission if the Board of County Commissioners approves that. John Hamilton stated he would be interested in a regular seat in District 1.

❖ **Draft Right to Farm Ordinance:** Commissioner Heath communicated with Irene Whipple and wondered if puppy mills should be addressed in the draft ordinance. The next public hearing on the draft Right to Farm Ordinance is scheduled for Monday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m. After discussion the Planning Commission decided not to address puppy mills in the Right to Farm Ordinance.

❖ **Teleconference:** The telephone conference on the existing appeals is scheduled for November 23, at 10:00 a.m. unless it has been changed. Dave Robinson has asked for an extension but the Planning Department has not received notice of any change.

❖ **Comprehensive Plan Update:** The GMA grant has been signed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Commerce. Our first

installment is \$30,000, so we will be publishing for a consultant as well as directly notifying six consultants known to work in our area. The newest checklist on Comprehensive Plan Updates from the Department of Commerce was given to the Planning Commission.

A copy of the latest appeal from the Riparian Owners and the Stevens County Farm Bureau was distributed to the Planning Commission.

There was general discussion of the Comprehensive Plan and changes that might be addressed, and have been discussed. Tamra Stevens asked that these discussions of potential changes be compiled so the entire Planning Commission could participate, as well as have them available for the consultant, and to be sure they comply with the RCWs. Some changes have been made per the ordinances that the County has adopted. The Board of County Commissioners don't want a total rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan. The final draft product must be ready by December 1, 2010. Planning Commission members who would be interested in attending the interviews with the consultants are Gary Howden and Tamra Stevens. The Planning Department is requesting the consultant to give a report by the 30th of each month for the Planning Commission to review at their monthly meeting. The Planning Commission can then recommend any changes they might consider necessary. Members were urged to read their packets and come prepared.

At 6:55 p.m. Carmen Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kirkham seconded the motion with all in favor.