

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of October 18, 2023, 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- C. ROLL CALL: Members present were Vice Chair Ron Long, Ken Reandeau, Thomas Butler, Katina Hester, Jane Hielman, and Jeff Carter. Donella Clark, Principal Planner, Holden Fleming, Deputy Director, and Bruce Emery, Director, represented staff from the Department of Community Development. Steve Gray and Jason ODell represented staff from Public Works/Road Department
- D. WELCOME: Vice Chair Long welcomed all in attendance.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 4, 2023 minutes approved with correction to the road miles. Staff explained that the Planning Commission had been provided the public comments that would be attached to the minutes the day after the previous meeting so they would have ample time to review the comments before the minutes were provided.
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items: Ed Bowen asked what the roll of the Planning Commission was for the 6-year TIP and also stated that on Granicus when a presentation is on screen there is no way to see who is talking on the recording, so speakers should be identified. Warren Billups asked how the Commission had the chance to read the public comments submitted at the last meeting when they were only posted online hours before this meeting.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: Presentation from Steve Gray, Transportation Planner, regarding highlights of the 6-year TIP. Planning Commission is asked to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on the proposed plan. Letter from the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe provided indicates funding has been secured for two of the unfunded projects on Chicken Coop Creek, and therefore should be moved from the unfunded list to funded. Staff also suggested that the Commission consider an amendment to move the unfunded design work for Mary Clark Road onto the funded list since three new engineers have been hired and the design likely to be complete in 2024. The Planning Commission heard from Ed Bowen and Tom Shindler who provided public comments. Mr. Bowen noted his three written comments submitted had not been provided to the Commission, though the Tribe's comments were. He would like the Department to hold their TIP Roadshow to get out into the communities and hear about transportation needs. Mr. Bowen provided comments on the Hoko-Ozette Road, Triple Culvert project, Mary Clark Road, Undi Road, and U9 which should be broken up. Tom Shindler was glad to see the Black Diamond project on the funded list. Would encourage the right-of-way acquisition part to be funded this year to provide a shovel-ready project to seek future funding. Commissioners had numerous questions regarding the process, specific projects, and the overall philosophy of the Road Department regarding road designs other than just widening and straightening. Jeff Carter expressed that there does not seem to be enough time provided to review the projects and compare them with the Comp Plan; recommend that more time be provided in the process. After a lot of discussion Ken Reandeau made a motion to pass the TIP, with Jane Hielman seconding. Katina Hester made a motion to amend the motion to move the two Chicken Coop Creek projects that are to be funded by the Tribe and the Mary Clark design to the funded list which was seconded by Thomas Butler. The motion to amend the

recommendation of the TIP passed 6-0. The vote to recommend the TIP as provided by staff and with the amendment to the Board of County Commissioners passed 5-1.

- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Staff presented codes and a tentative timeline to work on Agricultural Accessory Uses.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Clea Rome, Director of WSU Extension, spoke to her appreciation of DCD to engage the public and take on the issue of ag accessory uses. The 2017 census stated there are over 500 small farms in Clallam County and a unique approach is needed in most cases to help support these farms. Ed Bowen provided a suggestion that the Planning Commission could get more involved in road projects by providing a letter of support for projects such as the Piedmont Road which has been funded since 2016 by the Federal Highway Commission, but that we are still waiting for work to occur.
- L. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS- Staff again explained that the Commissioners had received the written public comments submitted at the previous meeting the day after that meeting. Staff was informed the comments were not posted with the agenda online on Wednesday and corrected this the same day.
- M. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Ken Reandeau asked if we should make a wellness check on Bob Miller who has been absent for some time. Jane Hielman said she reached out and did not hear back from Mr. Miller.
- N. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at ___7:45___ p.m.