

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of July 19, 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 Chair Steve Gale, Vice Chair Ron Long, Ken Reandeau, Jane Hielman, and Jeff Carter. Bruce Emery, Director, Donella Clark, Principal Planner, and Katherine Connors, Associate Planner, represented staff from the Department of Community Development.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 5, 2023 minutes passed without objection or amendment.
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Request for an amendment to the Bylaws provided in writing. The intent of the amendment is to clarify deliberation and action by the Commission regarding proposals being heard for a public hearing. Also discussed adding a new agenda item "Commission and Administration Response to Public Comments" to better define the appropriate time for the Commission and Staff to discuss comments that have come up during the meeting. A vote will occur at the next meeting.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: Staff provided information regarding the Current Use Assessment program and the 4 applications. All 4 were being removed from existing Agricultural or Designated Forest taxation classifications. No members of the public were present for the public hearing. Commissioner Reandeau moved to approve the applications and forward the decision document (referenced as Page 4 in the packet) to the County Commissioners. Jeff Carter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: None
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None
- L. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Jeff Carter discussed the public comment periods provided at the Planning Commission meetings and how to reduce repetition of the comments. Also would like to see about purchasing a timer for the podium. Wanted to discuss the process for appeal of Hearing Examiner decisions and if this needed to be changed. Commissioner Carter also brought up safety of the room and the process, if there was a panic button in the room and if we should shut the door. Director Emery said he would follow up with the Sheriff's Department and Human Resources. Commissioner Reandeau expressed his concern over the Board of Commissioner's lack of action regarding the Sign Ordinance since it is a less contentious ordinance than things like Climate Change that will need to be addressed in the future.
- M. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at __ 6:50 __ p.m.