

Minutes

Wyoming County Planning Commission

October Board of Directors Meeting

October 26, 2016, 12:00 pm

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, Saulsville, West Virginia

Call to Order: 12:20 pm

Roll Call: Present: Michael E. Cook, Jackie Whitley, David “Bugs” Stover, Senator Sue Cline, Dvon Duncan, Christy Laxton, David Lord, and Stephanie Lusk.

Absent: Everett Frazier, Dwight Shorter, Jr., Mike Cochran, Vicki Knight Clay, Dale Stewart, Tim Ellison and Larry Mathis.

Introduction of Guests: Christy DeMuth, WVU Law Clinic; Beth Lewis, RAIL VISTA; and Britanie Morgan with Senator Sue Cline.

Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2016 meeting: Bugs Stover made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2016. The motion was seconded by David Lord and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Under New Business, President Laxton discussed the Community Fund Grant Application. President Laxton presented the proposed Community Grant Application. After discussion from the board, it was decided that the grant application will be approved with changes as outlined. The motion was made by Dvon Duncan and seconded by Jackie Whitley, with everyone in favor. The approved application will be presented to Beckley Area Foundation by November 1st and the deadline will be January 20th to meet the BAF meeting dates. The committee will be formed in January for review, then a recommendation will be made to the Planning Commission in April to be sent to the BAF for final approval.

The next item on the agenda for new business is the review of the DRAFT Comprehensive Plan. Christy DeMuth presented the group with what she had as of today. Christy D. needs everyone to review the goals and objectives, see if they are still feasible, then prioritize those goals and objectives. The Page # needs to be referenced for easier communication of changes. Items mentioned at today’s meeting included: water/sewer, change scenic by-way to scenic drive, add RAIL, the conservation district partners with NRCS, she recommends targeting farmers close to the Guyandotte, put in inclusion fences, keep out phosphates, need winter feed plots, elk relocation project, pollinators and pollinator food sources, where can the CVB be involved, GET, Water Trail, what is the solid waste authority doing now (recycling, animal control), master gardner course, high tunnels, public sites for American Chestnuts, a few spelling issues, PSDs need updated, Wyoming County Career & Tech needs to be added to the list of schools, Logan Hospital can be added to healthcare, can we get an updated estimated population chart instead of the 2010 census information, and to include the tallest point in Wyoming County. Christy D. will send Christy L. a draft outline of the adoption process.

The next item on the agenda for new business is the Boy Scout Community Service Initiative for 2017. The Initiative will take place in July 2017, a project application was provided to those in attendance. Those are due by March 31, 2017.

Unfinished Business:

Under Unfinished Business, President Laxton asked Christy DeMuth if there was anything else to discuss regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Christy DeMuth added again that the final draft will be reviewed by the public and we will have to follow the appropriate process for that to be officially approved as well. Further information will be provided at the January meeting.

Great Eastern Trail Update – None

Scenic Drive Update – None.

Brownfields Clean-Up Grant – President Laxton informed the Commission that the engineers are working on Sampling Analysis Plans that will then have to be approved by both WV DEP and the US EPA. The process is going much slower than they expected, but should still be completed by the end of the grant period, September 30, 2017.

Groundwork Southern WV – Reorganization is happening.

Guyandotte Water Trail – A Flex-E-Grant is being completed by Kody Crawford, there will be kayaking at Horse Creek Lake on June 10, 2017, a float competition on July 15, 2017..

Wyoming County Day 2017 – President Laxton announced that Wyoming County Day at the Capitol in Charleston is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017.

Wyoming County Community Fund – President Laxton gave an overview of the Bingo event that took place on October 8, 2017. The event raised \$4,201 of which we can do a \$2,500 scholarship for 2017.

Other Business:

Ruby Ingram is interested in being a member of the Planning Commission.

Next Meeting Date: January 25, 2017, 12:00 PM, at Southern WV Community & Technical College.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM from a motion made by Michael E. Cook and seconded by David Lord.