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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

1 A regular meeting of the Okanogan County Planning Commission was held March 28th at 6:00 PM.
2 The meeting was held in the Commissioners Hearing Room, 123 5th Ave. N., Okanogan,
3 Washington and via WebEx.

4 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS** present included: Albert Roberts, Phillip Dart, Dave
5 Schulz. John Crandall, George Thornton, Salley Bull

6 **OKANOGAN COUNTY STAFF MEMBERS** present included: Director of Planning Pete Palmer,
7 Rocky Robbins Planner II and Morgan Allen Planner 1.

8 **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE via Phone/WebEx:** Isabelle Spohn

9 **Approval of Agenda:** Phil Dart moved to approve agenda as amended Salley Bull second

10 **Approval of Minutes 1.24.2022:** Phil Dart moved to approve minutes John Crandall second

11 **New Business:**

12 **Election of officers**

13 ➤ Salley Bull nominated George Thornton as vice chair the group voted, all in
14 favor. George Thornton is new vice chair for planning commission. Phil Dart
15 made a motion for Albert Roberts to stay chair, Salley Bull moved for Verlene
16 Hughes. The group discussed since Verlene Hughes was not present. The
17 group voted 4 for Albert Roberts and 2 for Verlene Hughes. Albert Roberts
18 stays chairman.

19 **Bylaws**

20 ➤ Director Palmer went over what she gave to the commission for their
21 information. She let them know they put out request for shoreline master
22 program help. She shared the results of the survey she put out for the
23 updating of the zoning code. Director Palmer states to the group how this will
24 help the commissioners to figure out what needs to be updated and how they
25 put out notice for the consultant to help update. The group discussed how it
26 will work with the consultant. The group discussed how the lawsuit with the
27 comp plan will affect the zoning code if there are changes in the comp plan.
28 Director Palmer gave an overview of the status of the cannabis moratorium.
29 She stated that the process of reviewing the cannabis code has started in
30 house by her staff and that she hopes it can stay in house. There will also be
31 an update in the fee schedule for cannabis operations of an Annual Fee. The
32 group discussed the farms and how they impact small businesses. They
33 discussed the need that the cannabis farmers have for water and how it drives

34 them. They discussed what the next steps maybe with the cannabis farms.
35 She gave an update to the group about the Methow Advisory Committee. She
36 stated how there will be more subarea committees created with the comp plan.
37 Phil Dart asked what the main force is behind these committees. Director
38 Palmer explained to that the committees will be focusing on issues in their
39 areas specifically that wouldn't necessarily affect the whole county. The group
40 discussed. Lastly Director Palmer presented the data from the well tracking.
41 The group discussed water with each other. Albert Roberts asked about
42 consumption use of water. Pete explained how the county regulates it. The
43 group discussed water rights.
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45 George Thornton moved to adjourn, Salley Bull seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:09
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50 **Adjourn:** 7:09
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52 ➤ **Next Regular meeting:** April 25th 7pm

53 **Next meeting:**
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56 **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

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63 Prepared by Morgan Allen
64 Planner 1