

GRANITE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Public Monthly Meeting

Courthouse Courtroom

220 N. Sansome Street, Philipsburg

December 7, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Granite County Planning Board Members: Susan Hale - President, A.J. Michnevich, Tom Sanders, and John Spaeth.

Planning Board Staff: Linda Bouck, Granite County Planning Director.

Guests: George Brooker, Vyonne Moran and Sarah Richey

I: Call to Order

President Susan Hale called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The Board and Staff introduced themselves.

II: Pledge of Allegiance

III. Conservation Easement – Open Cross Ranch

Sarah Richey with Five Valley Land Trust gave a presentation on the Open Cross Ranch owned by Lee and Gayla Skaw. The conservation easement would cover 5000 acres including over 2 miles of the South Fork of Lower Willow Creek. The conservation project will utilize two conservation easements and a conservation servitude due to funding sources and land use goals. The majority of the project is agricultural land. The conservation easement will allow for continued and new agricultural uses. Subdivisions and developments, commercial developments, such as surface mining for gravel will be limited.

A.J. Michnevich asked if public access for hunting was going to be part of the conservation easement. Ms Richey explained they are not committing to public access with this easement but they can participate in block management. Public access is not required for the easement.

It was noted conservation easements are required to be presented to the County's for review, however the county has no ability to change or alter the conservation easement.

The Planning Board unanimously voiced their support for the Open Cross Ranch conservation easement.

IV. County Road List

The Board held a work session on developing a County Road List. The Board worked on classifying roads in the following township and ranges:

T11N R17W; T11N R16W; T10N R18W; T10N R17W; T10N R16W; T9N R18W; T9N R17W; T8N R18W; T8N R17W; T7N R18W; T7N R17W; T7N R16W; T7N R15W; T6N R15W.

Reclassifications of some of the roads were made.

Vyonne Moran and George Brooker gave public comment on their concerns with the classification of Rock Creek Road. They stated it is unclear as to where Rock Creek Road is located. It was noted that this is for classification purposes only not for determining where roads are located. The Planning Board stated they would pass their concerns on to the Board of Commissioners.

The Board determined to take on the Skalkaho Area at their next meeting.

Minutes

A. November 2, 2017

The Board reviewed the minutes from November 2, 2017.

A.J. Michnevich made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's November 2, 2017, meeting. John Spaeth seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

V. Public Comment

There was not public comment.

VI. Miscellaneous

It was noted the next Planning Board meeting will be held in January, 2018.

VII. Adjourn

Tom Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A.J. Michnevich seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes approved on April 5, 2017

Susan Hale-President