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**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Morrow County Planning Commission
Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, Boardman, Oregon**

Morrow County Planning Commissioners Present: Chair Jeff Wenholz, Vice Chair Mifflin Devin, Clint Carlson, Wayne Seitz

Members Excused: Ken Bailey, Sue Oliver, Greg Sweek, Rod Taylor

Morrow County Staff Present: Carla McLane, Planning Director; Stephanie Loving, Planner I; Stephen Wrecsics, GIS Planning Technician; Justin Nelson, County Counsel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers:

Election of Officers for the year was tabled to the hearing on February 27, 2018 due to the lack of quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of December 5, 2017 were tabled to the hearing on February 27, 2018 due to the lack of quorum.

Work Session:

Director McLane presented the proposed five-year work plan identifying several items that need addressed in the future. Continual and comprehensive work on the Morrow County Codes is necessary to keep the Codes up to date with Legislative updates. Staff is currently working with other departments and agencies on a working draft of proposed Articles 4 and 5 of the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance for future review. The Morrow County Subdivision Ordinance needs updated and may be best suited as part of the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance to create a cohesive Development Code, though there are higher priorities for updates so this may be a couple of years out. There is an immediate need to review Article 9 to update administrative procedures and align with recent code changes. Planning Commission directed staff to make Article 9 a priority for a work session in February.

The Parks Master Plan is ready and will be going in front of Planning Commission within the next few months for consideration and recommendation to Morrow County Board of Commissioners. The Transportation System Plan needs updated as well after the completion of the Regional Travel Shed analysis which can be combined with a recently adopted Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan, resulting in a Transit Framework for the Transportation System Plan.

Staff is working toward a Buildable Lands Inventory and Housing Analysis which will provide input into Goals 9 and 10 of the Comprehensive Plan and an evaluation of Residential Zones and Non-Resource Lands. Commissioners agreed that housing needs to be addressed soon and Director McLane proposed creating a tentative five year calendar prioritizing projects. This will be further reviewed in February.

Audience Participation:

None

Other Business:

- Staff has had two pre-application meetings for small solar developments for which applications are expected soon.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Morrow County Planning Commission to hear regular business is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building in Heppner, Oregon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Loving