

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2022

Members Present:

Elmer Chewning, Steve Hermansen, Jim Baker, Randy Johnson, Meagan Bradshaw, Jerry Mercer, John Dodson, Ron Stevenot

Members Absent:

Guy Boone

Others Present:

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 PM, Vice-Chairman Bradshaw called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was given and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country by everyone present.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Bradshaw invited a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2022. Commissioner Baker made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2022; Commissioner Hermansen provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

-Applications for CUP's from Don Thompson on Tax Map No's. 49-A-9 & 15 to operate a Recreational Facility was discussed. Mr. Thompson approached the Commission and explained his purposed use. He plans to operate a Recreational Facility that will have cabins/sleeping units, RV Spots, and amenities which could include, but not limited to: beach area, fishing, hiking, zip line, swimming, food sales, etc. He is purposing to have 25 each, 12'x18' cabins, 20 each 16' diameter yurts, 5 or so tree houses, 150 to 200 RV spots.

The public hearing was opened. Mr. Harlan Cox approached the commission and stated his concern was that with grant money being involved in this project, he wanted to make sure that all the l's were dotted and t's were crossed,

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meaning that all permits were obtained and all steps followed during the construction process. There being no other registered speakers, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Thompson responded that there was no grant money as this was being funded solely through him.

The Commission discussed the application and asked the Applicant some follow up questions:

- How long will it take to be completed? Plan is to be full open in one year.
- Does the property have a right of way or an easement. Easement.
- Concern was voiced over the ownership of the old railroad bed. A title search was completed prior to the purchase of the property. It should no issues.
- Has the land been surveyed? No
- Will the land be surveyed? Yes

A motion was made by Commissioner Dodson to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the CUP for Tax Map No's 49-A-9 and 49-A-15 to operate a Recreation Facility with the following conditions:

- 1) No permanent structures to be attached to or constructed for the RV's.
- 2) Project to be completed and operational in 18 months from the Board of Supervisors approval.

A second was provided by Commissioner Baker, with the following votes tendered. Chewing, Hermansen, Baker, Johnson, Bradshaw, Stevenot, Dodson voting for and Mercer voting against. The motion passed 7 to 1.

NEW BUSINESS

-None

OLD BUSINESS

-None

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

-None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Dodson made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Hermansen provided the second, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland