



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the  
Morrow County Planning Commission  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022 7:00 p.m.  
Morrow County Bartholomew Building, Heppner Oregon  
(All meetings will be offered through video conferenced via Zoom)**

**Morrow County Planning Commissioners Present:** Chair Jeff Wenholz, Brian Thompson, Wayne Seitz, Gregg Sweek

**Attendance via Zoom:** Karl Smith, Stanley Anderson, Stacie Ekstrom

**Morrow County Staff Present:** Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director, Stephanie Case, Planner II, Stephen Wrecsics, GIS Planning Technician, Katie Keely, Compliance Planner, George Nairns, Office Manager.

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Wenholz at 7:03pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the March 29, 2022 minutes will be postponed until the next Planning Commission Meeting, for correction of language to reflect the language of the findings of Z-2956-22.

**Public Hearings:** Planning Commission Chair Wenholz read the Planning Commission Statement and Hearing Procedures.

**Conditional Use Permit CUP-S-354-22: Stanley Cutsforth, applicant and owner:** The property is described as tax lot 1400 of Assessor's Map 1S 26E. The property is zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) and located approximately 6-miles east of Lexington on Cutsforth Road. The request is to allow a home occupation for firearms training and associated sales. Criteria for approval includes Morrow County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO) Sections 3.010(C)(7) and Article 6.

Stephen Wrecsics, GIS Planning Tech presented the findings for Conditional Use Permit for fire arms training, confirming that this is not a shooting range, but will be used as fire arms training, siting in and testing firearms. Staff recommends approval subject to meeting the conditions of approval as stated in the findings.

Chair Wenholz called for questions from Commissioners for staff. Discussed adding condition #6 Firearms training is limited to training for use of firearms purchased/sold at site. Approval does not allow for firearms shooting range.

Chair Wenholz opened the testimony for the Public Hearing, from those in favor. No comments in person or through Zoom.

No one spoke in opposition in person or through Zoom. No other comments were made.

Chair Wenholz closed Public Hearing.

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*Commissioner Sweek moved to approve CUP-S-354-22 with findings as presented with the addition of condition #6 as stated. Commissioner Thompson seconded motion. Called for a vote, unanimous approval.*

## **Work Session Discussion:**

**Draft Data Dashboard:** Stephen presented the dashboard created from the Morrow County Census data collected. This can be used by different entities within the county for projects and grant information. The dashboard will be available on the MC website.

- Stephen also shared another dashboard project that he is working on for planning staff in tracking and mapping permits within the planning department.

**Broadband Project:** Stephen is working with Aaron Moss on a Broadband Initiative for Morrow County. This is a story map that tells you about connectivity to the internet in Rural areas. This project is funded by Tillamook, with administrative oversight by Morrow County.

**Subdivision Ordinance update:** Stephanie is working towards updating the Morrow County Subdivision Ordinance, with input from County Surveyors. Materials provided are in draft form to help guide discussion to proposed changes. Open discussion on items that need updating to reflect ORS, clarifying language for “intended use” in the permitting process and timeline for process.

## **Correspondence / Staff Comment:**

- Planning Directors Monthly Report April.
- Tamra reviewed housing project that planning department staff are supporting within the county.
- Code Enforcement has some long range planning to look at areas in the county with continued code enforcement and work with neighborhoods in the cleanup and improvement.

The next meeting of the Morrow County Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be offered via Zoom and in person at the Morrow County Government Center, Oregon. If we do not have an action to come before the Commission the next meeting will be June 28, 2022.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Nairns