

LAND USE HEARING

Monday, October 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Anne Basker Auditorium, 600 NW Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Present: Lily N. Morgan, Chair; Darin J. Fowler, Vice-Chair; and Daniel E. DeYoung, Commissioner; Wendy Watkins, Recorder

These are meeting minutes only. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words.

Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Lily N. Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Items discussed were as follows:

1. **LAND USE HEARING:** *(Hearings are conducted in accordance with Josephine County Land Use Hearing Rules as they apply to Remand Hearings, a copy of which is available from the Recorder.)*

Amending the Josephine County Code (JCC), Title 19 – Rural Land Development, to Update the Farm & Forest Resource Zones Including Exclusive Farm, Farm Resource, Forest Commercial, and Woodlot Resource. This Proposal includes “Non-Discretionary” Code Amendments – To Reflect State Statutes and Rules Where the County has No Authority to Deviate from Prescribed Provisions of State Law and “Discretionary” Amendments – Where the County Will Need to Decide if the County Code Should Allow for Various Uses Provided for in State Law

Staff Report: Exhibit 1 – 114 pages

James Black, Deputy Planning Director, explained Josephine County's farm and forest zones have not been updated to reflect changes in state law for many years. The County is seeking to adopt new or amended chapters of its zoning ordinance so that its provisions for farm and forest zones are consistent with state law and the needs of the County. Mr. Black reviewed **Resource Zone Code Update (Exhibit 2)** with the Board. Mr. Black mentioned the Josephine County Code (JCC) states the Board of Commissioners must implement amendments of the County's Comprehensive Plan by ordinance and the next step would be to implement an ordinance.

REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: *(Each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak)*

Steve Rouse, Josephine County, spoke about his concerns with public input and that the public is aware of the changes.

Grace Zilverberg, Josephine County, spoke in support of an additional employee in the Planning Department to better process these updates to the code.

Craig Anderson, Ashland, mentioned the provisions before you are the same provisions that were appealed in Lane County.

Jean Mount, Grants Pass, spoke in opposition to the public noticing.

The will of the Board is to move forward with this project. The Board would like to discuss each item line by line and then proceed with a public hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.


Wendy Watkins, Recorder

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit 1 – Staff Report

Exhibit 2 – Resource Zone Code Update