

GRANITE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Public Monthly Meeting

Courthouse Courtroom

220 N. Sansome Street, Philipsburg

November 4, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Granite County Planning Board Members: Lucinda Fitz-Christensen, Heidi Hinkle, Jim Lochridge, Tom Rue, Tom Sanders and John Spaeth.

Planning Board Staff: Linda Bouck, Granite County Planning Director

Guests: Joel Christensen, Nathan Stone

I: Call to Order

President John Spaeth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board and Staff introduced themselves.

II: Pledge of Allegiance

III: Conservation Easement

A: Wood Creek Conservation Easement – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Linda Bouck noted this is a conservation easement proposed for 1,120 acres owned by the Bouchee family. The property is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Drummond. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation would be the recipient of the easement. The property is used for foraging and calving by elk and other wildlife species. Bouck introduced Nathan Stone, representative for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Nathan Stone gave a brief overview of the project and goals of the conservation easement. He pointed out this is a donation of easement by the landowner and not a purchase of easement. The donation of land is 2 parcels which will be restricted to be sold together in the future along with development limitations.

The Planning Board held a discussion of the conservation easement in question and discussed the Planning Board's role in reviewing conservation easement. **The Planning Board was unanimous in approving of the conservation easement and asked that a letter be sent to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in support of the project.**

IV: Minutes

The Board reviewed and corrected the minutes of September 2, 2021 and September 14, 2021. **Tom Sanders made a motion to approve the amended minutes for September 2, 2021 and September 14, 2021. Tom Rue seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Miscellaneous

There was no miscellaneous.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Tom Rue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Sanders seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be in January 2022.

Minutes approved on February 3, 2021

John Spaeth