

JEROME COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES
March 25, 2019
THE JACK NELSEN CONFERENCE ROOM, JEROME COUNTY COURT HOUSE

CALL TO ORDER

County Commissioners: Chairman Charlie Howell, Co-Chair Ben Crouch, and Commissioner John Crozier

Planning & Zoning Commissioners Present: Chairman Jim Schlund, Bill Baker, Arlen Morgan, Mike Tylka, and Virgil Tinker (arriving at 6:29 p.m)

Excused: Larrey Anderson and Trish Heath

Unexcused: Tanner Johns

Mid Snake Regional Water Resource Commissioners Present: Bob Muffley and Lew Pence

Staff Attendees: Administrator Nancy Marshall and Kacie Buhler

JOINT MEETING

Chairman Jim Schlund called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Jim Schlund introduced Bob Muffley and Lew Pence with the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission (Mid Snake Commission). Mr. Schlund then introduced the County Commissioners Charlie Howell, Ben Crouch, and John Crozier. He then turned the meeting over to Bob Muffley and Lew Pence to present.

Bob Muffley explained how the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission was formed and what they do for the Counties. He explained that they are a planning commission that collects information to provide to all government entities. Lew Pence explained how the Mid Snake Commission has brought awareness to some of the water issues and how they have helped to address the issues. He discussed outdated test results, recharge efforts, phosphate loading, nitrate levels and mussel and snail infestation prevention.

Lew Pence addressed the EPA's plans to regulate the [Total] Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for phosphorus amounts going into the Snake River and the concerns the Mid Snake Commission has with EPA's totals. Another concern the Mid Snake Commission has is Idaho National Laboratory's storage of 900,000 gallons of liquid waste being stored in tanks that are 60 years old and stored above our aquifer.

Bob Muffley spoke about the affect the TMDL monitoring by the EPA will have. He stated that they will be talking to the [County] Commissioners about using the money they have to create trend lines for the aquifer on the north side of the canyon. He explained that only 15 percent of those entities that discharge are point-source, regulated, (i.e. fish hatcheries, cities) and the non-point-source (i.e. farms, dairies, and canal companies) dischargers are not regulated.

Charlie Howell asked if they had a height or water depth that they are trying to recharge to. Bob Muffley stated that he spoke to the Water Resource Board and the Board's goal is to make the aquifer the same as it was in 1992 by 2026 and should accomplish that much earlier than anticipated.

Nancy Marshall asked if there were any applications that are looked at from a planning and zoning stand point that the [Mid Snake] Commission can provide input on or what questions should be asked. Bob Muffley stated that there are certain types of things that could have an impact on water quality or

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quantity. He said that Gooding County had a Conditional Use Permit request that they denied because of a water quality aspect. When they rejected it they used the [Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission] Plan. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the County because they based their decision on the Plan.

Bob Muffley answered John Crozier's question regarding the process of water recharging of the aquifer. He stated that most of the recharge areas are chosen for the volcanic nature of the ground and that the water is tested before and after the recharge process.

The County Commissioners and the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission adjourned at 7:10 pm.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman Jim Schlund asked to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2019 meeting.

M/S/C Bill Baker made a motion to accept the February 25th minutes as written. Mike Tylka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C Bill Baker made a motion to adjourn. Mike Tylka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

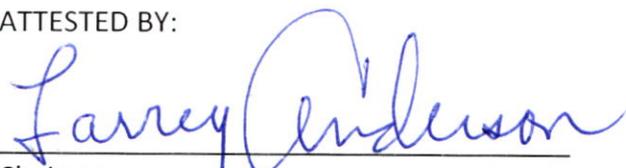
Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Administrative Assistant

ATTESTED BY:



Chairman