



MINUTES for May 24, 2023  
CROOK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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**I. Call to Order**

Crook County Planning Commission Vice Chairperson Williamson, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

The meeting was conducted by Zoom, phone, and in-person at the Crook County Annex.

**II. Attendance**

Commissioners Attending:

In Person	Webex	Commissioner	Excused Absence	Unexcused Absence
X		Calvin Walter		
X		George Ponte		
X		Susan Hermreck		
		Gary Bedortha	X	
X		Laquita Stec		
X		Les Williamson		
		Mike Warren	X	

Staff Attending:

In Person	Webex	Crook County Staff
X		Will Van Vactor
X		Katie McDonald
X		Hannah Elliott
		Jennifer Orozco
		John Eisler

Parties in Attending in Person:

Please see sign-in sheet.

Parties Participating via WebEx:

Please see sign in sheet.

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Minutes**

None

**V. Items for Consideration**

1. Public Hearing

**217-23-000246-PLNG** A public hearing of an Agri-tourism application from the Applicant Tom Koue (agent) for property owner Paul Terrell to host 11 Agri-tourism events on an approximate 87-acre parcel. The property is identified as 1414290000200; the property address is 19221 NW O’Neil Hwy, and the O’Neil Arena has an existing address of 3530 NE Lone Pine Rd., Redmond. The property is zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU-2).

Chair Williamson read the applicable criteria for review into the record.

Chair Williamson stated there was a site visit May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023, which was attended by the Commissioners, and they are now asked to disclose any and all observations for the record?

Commissioner	Attended Site Visit	Disclosure
Calvin Walter	X	No new information, interesting to see the site
George Ponte		
Susan Hermreck	X	No comments
Gary Bedortha		
Laquita Stec	X	Beneficial to see the property as it relates to the attachments
Les Williamson		
Mike Warren		

Chair Williamson asked if any Commissioner has any bias, prejudice, personal interest, or conflicts of interest to disclose?

Commissioner	No	Disclosure
Calvin Walter	X	
George Ponte	X	
Susan Hermreck	X	
Gary Bedortha		
Laquita Stec	X	
Les Williamson	X	
Mike Warren		

Chair Williamson asked if any Commissioner has had any Ex Parte Contact with the Applicant or any Member of the Public regarding this matter?

Commissioner	No	Disclosure
Calvin Walter	X	
George Ponte	X	
Susan Hermreck	X	
Gary Bedortha		
Laquita Stec	X	
Les Williamson	X	
Mike Warren		

The Chair asked if any member of the public, including those participating by phone, wished to challenge any member of the Commission. No members of the public stated a challenge.

Chair Williamson polled the Commissioners if they would like to impose time limits on testimony.

Commissioner	No
Calvin Walter	X
George Ponte	X
Susan Hermreck	X
Gary Bedortha	
Laquita Stec	X
Les Williamson	X
Mike Warren	

Chair Williamson asked to hear from staff.

Katie McDonald, Planner, provided a brief overview of application, corrections to staff report, and recommendations.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Staff responded.

Chair Williamson asked for testimony from Agency representatives.

None

Chair Williamson then asked for testimony from the Applicant.

Tom Koue, Applicant provided testimony.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Chair asked for testimony from the anyone in support of the proposal.

None

Chair asked for testimony from anyone in a neutral position of the proposal.

None

Chair asked for testimony from the anyone in opposition of the proposal.

None

Chair Williamson asked for rebuttal from the Applicant.

Chair called for any further comments from Staff.

McDonald provided responses to Commissioners regarding the questions on potential conditions and discussion from the testimony.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

The Applicant waived their 7 day right to submit final argument.

Chair Williamson closed the public hearing asked for a motion.

Commissioner Ponte moved to approve the file number 217-23-000246-PLNG requesting 11 Agritourism events.

Commissioner Stec seconded.

Commissioner Ponte withdrew the motion and Commissioner Stec removed the second.

Commissioner Hermreck moved to approve application 217-23-000246-PLNG with the proposed conditions of approval. The condition of approval 5 will be replaced to the wording on the bottom of page 4 and addition of condition 13 for the Applicant to notify the Redmond Fire and Rescue district of each event.

Commissioner Stec seconded the motion.

Commissioners entered deliberations.

No deliberations.

Chair Warren asked to restate the motion.

Commissioner Hermreck moved to approve application 217-23-000246-PLNG with the proposed conditions of approval. The condition of approval 5 will be replaced to the wording on the bottom of page 4 and addition of condition 13 for the Applicant to notify the Redmond Fire and Rescue district of each event.

Commissioner Stec seconded the motion.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Calvin Walter	X		
George Ponte	X		
Susan Hermreck	X		
Gary Bedortha			
Laquita Stec	X		
Les Williamson	X		
Mike Warren			
<b>Motion passed 5-0-0</b>			

**VI. Staff Updates/Planning Commission Comments**

Staff and Commissioners discussed upcoming meetings.

Will Van Vactor, Community Development Director provided Community Development Department updates.

Chair Williamson called for a vote to adjourn.

Commissioner	Aye
Calvin Walter	X
George Ponte	X
Susan Hermreck	X
Gary Bedortha	
Laquita Stec	X
Les Williamson	X
Mike Warren	

Motion approved 5-0-0.