



MINUTES for November 8, 2023  
CROOK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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**I. Call to Order**

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

The meeting was conducted in person at the Crook County Annex and offered remotely through Zoom.

**II. Attendance**

Commissioners Attending:

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

Staff Attending:

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

Public Attending in Person:

None

Public Participating via Zoom:

Carol MacBeth – Central Oregon LandWatch  
Liz Dickson – Dickson Hatfield LLP  
Tami MacLeod – Lynch Murphy McLane LLP  
Adam Smith – Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Minutes**

October 24, 2023 - Commissioner Stec moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ponte seconded the motion.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Calvin Walter			
George Ponte	x		
Susan Hermreck			
Gary Bedortha	x		
Laquita Stec	x		
Les Williamson	x		
Mike Warren			x
Motion – Carried 4-0-1			

**V. Items for Consideration**

1. Final Decision Review and Signature

RMG Destinations, LLC filed applications to modify the Development Plan **(217-23-001603-PLNG)** (to amend file number 217-18-000334-PLNG) and the Final Development Plan **(217-23-001604-PLNG)** (to amend file number 217-19-000370-PLNG). The requests will amend the prior approvals to allow 50 phased overnight lodging units instead of 75 phased overnight lodging units in the Hidden Canyon Destination Resort. The subject property is identified as T 16S, R 14E WM, Tax lots 2200, 3900, and 4100 and T16S, R 15E WM, Tax lots 2100, 3100 and 3200. The zoning is Exclusive Farm Use, EFU-3 with a Destination Resort Overlay.

Chair Warren asked if Commissioners had a chance to review the final decisions and if there were any questions. None.

Chair Warren directed the Acting Chair from the October 24, 2023, meeting to sign the decisions after the meeting.

## 2. Public Hearing

D. Adam Smith filed a commercial event application on behalf of property owners Gregory and Karen Huston identified as file number **217-23-001215-PLNG**. The application is for 18 commercial events to be held on the property annually. The property is identified as map/tax lot 1415200000600. The property is zoned Exclusive Farm Use Zone, EFU-2 (Prineville Valley - Lone Pine Area). The property is part of a larger ranching tract, north of NW O'Neil Hwy and approximately 4.5 miles northwest from the City of Prineville.

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

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

Commissioner	No	Disclosure
Calvin Walter		
George Ponte	x	
Susan Hermreck		
Gary Bedortha	x	Lynch & Murphy represent both himself and his business but that won't create any bias in his decision.
Laquita Stec	x	
Les Williamson	x	
Mike Warren	x	

Chair Warren 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		
George Ponte	x	
Susan Hermreck		
Gary Bedortha	x	
Laquita Stec	x	
Les Williamson	x	
Mike Warren	x	

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 Warren entered into the record that the Commission has granted a request from the applicant to continue the public hearing to a date and time certain, but as notice has been sent out and there may have been persons wishing to testify, the Commission will still open the hearing for testimony.

Katie McDonald, Senior Planner, discussed available dates for the continuation with the Commission.

Chair Warren noted that Staff and the Applicant have elected to present at the continued hearing and asked for testimony from any other parties.

All those attending remotely testified that they intend to testify at the continued hearing.

Chair Warren called for a motion.

Commissioner Stec moved to continue the hearing to a date and time certain of December 13, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

Commissioner Bedortha seconded.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Calvin Walter			
George Ponte	x		
Susan Hermreck			
Gary Bedortha	x		
Laquita Stec	x		
Les Williamson	x		
Mike Warren	x		
Motion carried - 5-0-0			

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

Commissioner Williamson moved to close the meeting.

Commissioner Ponte seconded.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Calvin Walter			
George Ponte	x		
Susan Hermreck			
Gary Bedortha	x		
Laquita Stec	x		
Les Williamson	x		
Mike Warren	x		
Motion carried - 5-0-0			