

**DRAFT - Special Meeting of Teton County Wildlife Advisory Committee – January 29, 2024**

*Committee Members in Attendance:* Jeff Klausmann, Kathy O’Neil, Tamara Sperber, Mike Lien, Wray Landon, Allison Michalski, Linda Unland

*Commissioner in Attendance:* Michael Whitfield

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes from the committee’s December 6th meeting were reapproved as amended, as the meeting of January 10th (when the 12/6/23 meeting minutes were initially approved) was not properly noticed.

Wray Landon made the motion to approve; Jeff Klausmann seconded the motion.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. **Land Development Code Edits.** The committee reviewed nine sections of the LDC that are relevant to wildlife, habitat, and the WHA. Suggested edits and revisions were all reviewed, discussed and finalized with the following qualifications:

- a. A mitigation ratio table for the LDC was discussed but not completed. There will be a recommended reference in the LDC to the WHA for now.
- b. A riparian buffer table revision for the LDC was discussed but not completed and will be deferred for now.
- c. Edits for Section 6-5 Conservation Area are incomplete.
- d. Definitions for Indicator Habitats (absent in the current code) are not yet completed. These will be written to be consistent between the WHA (checklist) and the LDC.
- e. Recommend name change of overlay from Natural Resource Overlay to Wildlife Overlay (WO). Edits to that effect not included in submitted committee edits.
- f. Request clarification from Planning Department: Is a “major” plat amendment the same as a “significant” amendment?

**MOTION:** To recommend for code amendment consideration all of the noted changes reflected in the (9) edited sections of the LDC submitted by this committee to the Planning Department. In addition, to recommend further review of Chapter 4 of the LDC, specifically sections 4-1, 4-5, 4-8, 4-10 to determine if there is need for revision related to the WHA.

The motion was made by Tamara Sperber and seconded by Jeff Klausmann.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

**ACTION:** Submit edited code sections to the Planning Department, accompanied by an explanation of the items noted in 2a-2f above.

3. **WHA Edits.** There was further discussion about several components of the WHA. It was agreed that topics that need further editing/modification include: Vegetation Classifications; Mitigation Table; Abbreviated WHA checklist; Bear Conflict Map

**ACTION:** Committee to complete above revisions for presentation to Commissioners at a future meeting.

4. **WHA and IDFG** - Regarding the WHA and the involvement of the IDFG in this process, Chairman Klausmann met with IDFG and determined that they do want to partner with Teton County. Specific details are to be worked out.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Tamara Sperber; seconded by Jeff Klausmann. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm