

FINAL – Teton County Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting January 4, 2023

Members in Attendance: Jeff Klausmann, Kathy O'Neil, Tamara [Sperber](#), Mike Lien, Renee Seidler, Wray Landon, Linda Unland

Commissioner in Attendance: Michael Whitfield

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm

1. Minutes. Minutes from December 7 and December 14 were approved.
2. We discussed the format for moving the approved Overlay and Narrative recommendations to the BCC for consideration. We decided to present the information as a group in person at the BCC meeting on Monday, January 9, at 9:30 am.
3. County Policy for Natural Resource Technical Reviews.
 - A. The committee reviewed a draft framework and was tasked with detailing further thoughts that could provide a standardized process for applicants and the County when technical reviews are required because the project is in a Natural Resource Overlay.
 - B. The Committee discussed the continued interaction with Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) going forward and decided to consider a checklist in addition to framework. A checklist would be filled out by IDFG ensuring that all the necessary report components are included and that they have reviewed them.
 - C. The Committee discussed a proposal to include a Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout (YCT) Overlay but decided due to timing it would be better to explicitly cover this in the CODE narrative rather than with mapping. We considered the idea that if any stream occurred on an applicant's parcel the applicant would need to consider YCT protections and mitigation. We decided that a future YCT overlay map may be warranted when more data were available.
 - D. The Committee is planning to study the Land Development Code to identify areas where specific language could be recommended to incorporate a technical review process for Natural Resource Assessments. A Google document to add comments will be circulated for committee input. It was agreed that the February 1 committee meeting will be a working session from 3-5:30 to provide recommendations to the county planners as they begin work on the new code language pertaining to wildlife.
4. New Business/Next Projects. Commissioner Whitfield introduced the topic of community Outreach. He suggested that we add this to our

March meeting agenda to discuss ideas to facilitate wildlife awareness throughout our county.

Motion to adjourn

Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50pm