

# Wildlife Advisory Committee

22 August 2023 / 2:00 PM / COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE ROOM AND ZOOM

## Attendees

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jeff Klausmann; Kathy O'Neil; Wray Landon; Mike Lien

NON-MEMBERS: Commissioner Michael Whitfield; Planner Jade Kreuger

QUORUM NOT ESTABLISHED.

CALL TO ORDER. MEETING COMMENCED 2:00PM.

## Agenda

- **WHA IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING.**

**Notes:** Discussion of how to implement the WHA policy and using what timeline. P&Z staff felt that a phased implementation would be optimal with the first phase including press release; prospective consultant outreach; consultant forum; application submissions and consultant selections (occurring on a monthly basis). During first phase, applicants would be allowed to choose their own consultant from the pre-approved list. Second phase would include set-up and implementation of consultant rotation. WHA submission and review would occur during both phases. Others felt that the consultant rotation was pivotal to the success of the implementation and should be set-up during initial roll-out. Details of the steps and timeline of the implementation were discussed.

In addition, there was discussion of needing to flesh out the policy section for Abbreviated WHA studies - specifically to address access, roads, grading & erosion control, building envelopes versus building areas. It was felt that some applications for grading & erosion should undergo A-WHA. Also the existence of de facto subdivisions and requirements for WHA was discussed.

Planning department expressed interest in having WAC involvement with the following: during some consultant/IDFG meetings during WHA process; for reviewing applications; for assistance with consultant selection; and for WHA and A-WHA report review.

### **Timeline and action Items:**

- Press release first. **Kathy** to draft and try to get out next week.
- Set up a new email address for comments & questions regarding WHA. **Jade and Dan.**
- Aim for Consultant forum last week of September (26-28) during working hours. 60-90 minute timeframe. **Jeff** will contact IDFG to determine their availability for participation in the forum.

- Send out emails with the Introductory letter to potential consultants once the forum date is established. (Try for soon after Labor Day). In the meantime, build an email list of potential consultants: **Jade, Jeff, Kathy.**
- Post WHA policy on the county website. **Jade.**
- Focus September regular committee meeting on setting up forum agenda; strategy; talking points. Invite IDFG to the September meeting. **Kathy.**

## Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.