

**Caribou County Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
Minutes of May 2, 2012**

The Caribou County Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session on May 2, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Jon Hall, Stan Wistisen and Gail George, Planning & Zoning Board Members. Also in attendance were Kerstin Parsons, Planning & Zoning Secretary and Ralph Hopkins.

Jon Hall, Planning & Zoning Chairman opened the meeting.

The minutes of April, 2012, were reviewed. Stan Wistisen made a motion to approve the minutes and Gail George seconded. All were in favor.

Jon Hall opened the meeting. The Caribou County Comprehensive Plan needs updated. House Bill 148 sets forth items that need to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. Jon Hall started with Idaho Code §67-6502(e), stating some of the verbiage has changed. Gail George asked if it needed to be added to the Comprehensive Plan. Ralph Hopkins stated it did. Idaho Code §67-6508(n) was discussed next. Jon Hall inquired if Caribou County currently had anything like that. Ralph Hopkins stated no. Stan Wistisen asked if the Forest Service is responsible for subsection (n) in keeping track of what happens in the area. Stan Wistisen further asked if Ralph Hopkins has a map to keep track of agriculture land. Ralph Hopkins stated yes. Ralph Hopkins asked if the Board wanted to make Idaho Code § 67-6508(n) a Comprehensive Plan goal or policy. Jon Hall stated he would like to see it as a goal. Stan Wistisen stated that Caribou County has not taken very many acres out of agriculture. Ralph Hopkins stated they have taken some out of agriculture for Agrium, but agreed that Caribou County has not lost a lot of agriculture land. Stan Wistisen also stated that some agriculture land was taken out for the subdivision by the lake as well as in tin cup. Jon Hall stated as for Idaho Code §67-6512(b), Caribou County will post notices on the County Website. Stan Wistisen suggested that Caribou County starts keeping track of all the land that is taken out of agriculture. Ralph Hopkins suggested that Element No. Thirteen be moved as Element No. Fourteen and Agriculture be added as Element No. Thirteen. Stan Wistisen made a motion to for Idaho Code §67-6508(n) be added as a Comprehensive Plan goal and the other two items in House Bill 148 be added as Comprehensive Plan policies. Gail George seconded and all were in favor. This matter will proceed to a public hearing on July 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by motion from Gail George. Jon Hall seconded, all were in favor. The Caribou County Planning & Zoning Commission will meet on July 11, 2012, for a regular meeting and a public hearing.

Signed: _____

Jon Hall, Chairman

Attested: _____

Kerstin Parsons, Secretary

PROPOSED CHANGES TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- 1) Element #14 is added and changed to “Implementation.”**
- 2) Element #13 is “Agriculture,” to satisfy new Idaho Code requirements.**

Element #13 AGRICULTURE

Goal: To encourage the protection of prime agriculture, forestry and mining lands and land uses for production of food, fiber and minerals, as well as the economic benefits they provide.

Goal: Maintain an analysis of the agriculture base of the county, including agricultural lands, farming activities, farming related businesses and the role of agriculture and the agricultural community.

Policy: Post notices on the website as well as the official newspaper of general circulation and radio stations whenever public notices are needed to inform the public of special use permit applications regarding agricultural land uses.