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CASCADE COUNTY
PLANNING BOARD

1/18/2022
9:00 AM
Zoom Online Video Meeting

Board Members: *Dexter Busby, Dan Johnstone, Richard Liebert, Elliot Merja, Bruce Moore, Sara Murphy, and Rob Skawinski.*

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STAFF ATTENDEES: Carey Ann Haight, Amber Hobbs, Alisha Osborne and Charity Yonker

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: None.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Elliot Merja called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM, **[00:01:16].**
2. **ROLL CALL:**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Liebert, Elliot Merja and Rob Skawinski

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dexter Busby, Dan Johnstone, Bruce Moore and Sara Murphy.

Elliot Merja: Asks who the members are who are needing reappointment.

Charity Yonker: Says they are Dan, Dexter and Bruce. The Commissioners are looking at doing re-appointments at the next meeting at the end of January.

Elliot Merja: Says okay.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A. Draft Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2021, [00:02:49].

1. **Board Discussion & Decision**

Elliot Merja: Asks if there are any additions or subtractions.

Richard Liebert: Says he read them online and appreciates those being online, and moves the minutes be accepted.

Elliot Merja: Says we have moved to accept the minutes and asks if there is a second.

Rob Skawinski: Says he will second that.

Elliot Merja: Asks if there is any further discussion. Hearing none, he calls for a vote.

All in Favor, motion carries [3 – 0].

4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Board Election of Officers [09:04 AM] [00:03:30].

1. Board Discussion

Elliot Merja: Says he feels the rest of the Board should be present before deciding officers. He asks if it works for everybody.

Richard Liebert: Says yes, he would agree with that. He moves that new business be postponed until the next meeting.

Elliot Merja: Says okay, as far as Board elections go.

Richard Liebert: Says he agrees.

Elliot Merja: Asks if the Board needs a motion. He says it has been moved to have the board elections moved to next meeting and asks if there is a second.

Rob Skawinski: Seconds the motion.

Elliot Merja: Calls for a vote.

All in Favor, motion carries [3 – 0].

B. Annual Report [00:04:16].

1. Board Discussion

Elliot Merja: Asks if the Board wants to go through the annual report or wait until the rest of the Board is there.

Richard Liebert: Says he recommends the annual report be postponed until the next meeting so the members who get re-appointed or appointed newly will have the benefit of the annual report, so it is a more substantial discussion.

Elliot Merja: Says okay and seconds the motion, asking for further discussion. Hearing none, he calls for a vote.

All in Favor, motion carries [3 – 0].

Richard Liebert: Says he would like to say the annual report looks fine, it is very thorough, and he appreciates having that online so they can all read ahead.

Elliot Merja: Says cool, now we can go to the growth policy.

C. Growth Policy Review [00:05:08].

1. Board Discussion

Richard Liebert: Says he recommends that be postponed until the next meeting. As mentioned before with the annual report, there will be a more thorough discussion of that topic since we have also completed the census report.

Elliot Merja: Asks if there is a second on that.

Rob Skawinski: Says he will second that.

Elliot Merja: Calls for a vote.

All in Favor, motion carries [3 – 0].

6. **BOARD MATTERS 9:06 AM, [00:05:51].**

A. Adobe Creek

Elliot Merja: Asks if there are any Board matters, they would like to bring up. He asks if there is any discussion to bring up for the Planning Department. He then asks the Planning Department if they are "public". Mr. Merja says there is a comment he would like to add, and he asks if the Adobe Creek meeting is on the January 20th, 2022.

Charity Yonker: Says it is on the twentieth at eight o'clock.

Elliot Merja: Asks if they decided it was right at that eighty-thousand-dollar threshold and whether they had to get more quotes.

Charity Yonker: Says she is not sure but believes they are reviewing a contract, and the Commissioners could be taking action on that contract.

Elliot Merja: Says okay, he just saw *[he struggles to find the word*].

Carey Ann Haight: Says she can comment on that too, if that is okay with Mr. Merja.

Elliot Merja: Says sure, that would be great.

Carey Ann Haight: Says we have been in the process of trying to get some bids, so the plan is to meet and review the bids to the extent that there is something that looks like we can move forward, and wanted to make sure it was publicly noticed with the forty-eight hour notice, and they do anticipate being able to act, but they must have that notice in order to meet and discuss and to have the potential to act if in a position to do so.

Elliot Merja: Says that is great. He says he hadn't heard anything and saw it on the agenda and thought he would ask. Mr. Merja says that is all he has and asks if anyone else has anything.

Charity Yonker: Says she will process reimbursements for mileage by the end of this month.

Richard Liebert: Says he did get a check a couple months ago but that was form the weed district.

Charity Yonker: Says okay.

Richard Liebert: Says he forgetting they have a weed district, so he was [inaudible].

Elliot Merja: Says okay, cool.

Richard Liebert: Says he got a little bit back from his chemicals, not much though.

Elliot Merja: Says it is better than nothing.

Richard Liebert: Says they do not pay out for contractors for that, but he digresses.

Elliot Merja: Says if there is nothing else...

Richard Liebert: Moves to adjourn.

Elliot Merja: Asks for a second.

Rob Skawinski: Seconds the motion.

Elliot Merja: Says they are adjourned.

7. **Adjournment at 9:09 AM, [00:08:49].**

These signatures are for the approval of the draft meeting minutes for: 1-18-2022

Elliot Mega		2/23/22
President/Vice President or Chair/Vice-Chair (Print)	Signature	Date
Charity Yonker		2/23/22
Planning Staff (Print)	Signature	Date