



Bear Lake County

Planning & Zoning Commission

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TO: **BEAR LAKE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**
FROM: Albert Johnson, Chairman, Bear Lake County Planning & Zoning Commission
DATE: Tuesday, November 8, 2022
RE: Bear Lake County Planning and Zoning Meeting

The Bear Lake County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold its regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm At the Bear Lake County Courthouse 30 N. Main Paris, Idaho.

Public Hearings:

Jayson Lower- IDAWY Solid Waste District/ CUP for regional landfill
348 IDAWY Solid Waste Road (between Georgetown and Soda Springs)

Action Items

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Jayson Lower-IDAWY Solid Waste District/ CUP for regional landfill
3. Joshua Wiscombe/ proposed development concepts - 675 Jerico Loop Road
4. Work meeting
5. Old Business
6. Approval of minutes
7. Adjournment



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PLANNING & ZONING MEETING
November 16, 2022
Paris Courthouse Commissioner's Room
PARIS, ID.

ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN ALBERT JOHNSON
KRISTY CRANE -VICE CHAIRMAN---Excused
SEAN BARTSCHI
JULIA ROWLAND
DEVIN BOEHME---Excused
ROB SMITH---Excused
PATRICK REESE
MITCH POULSEN, ADMINISTRATOR
WAYNE DAVIDSON, SECRETARY

Chairman Johnson opens the meeting at 7:05 pm and welcomes everyone.
The pledge of allegiance is led by Sean Bartschi.
There are no changes to the agenda.

- **Motion to approve the agenda** is made by Julia Rowland, seconded by Patrick Reese, all in favor.
- **Motion to go into hearing for IDAWY Solid Waste District** is made by Sean Bartschi, seconded by Julia Rowland, all in favor.

Jason Lower comes up and expresses appreciation for everyone here. He is working with 4 counties in this matter, which is building a regional land fill for the 4 counties. Some of the land that will be used for this is in Caribou County, most is in Bear Lake Co. This area is large enough it has endless capacity. They will affect a small space at first thinks it's a perfect spot. Hard to find a spot that will provide long-term service and not affect the surrounding areas. DEQ has been involved from the beginning. The engineers involved are here with him. He wants to address rumors now. IDAWY is a subsidiary of the State of Idaho. Wyoming has come on board as a joint power. This has never been done before. Because of costs he started looking into making this a regional land fill. Each of these small counties have the same problems. Now that they reached a certain amount of trash, they have to improve/increase the land fill. Other counties are interested in joining, and they are excited about letting them in. But that won't be for some time yet. Each county has its own land fill now, but they each will close their landfills and make transfer stations. Bear Lake County landfill will be closed and reclaimed and covered. What's the cost for the new one compared to the one now. He thinks it will eventually decrease cost in time. The land will not be taxed, it's a public entity now it's like the county courthouse.

They will start building the land fill this next year. The transfer station for Bear Lake County will be at the site of the current landfill. It will not be up on the hillside but will be uphill some. The road will be 6-7 % slope getting to it and the road will be better to traverse than now. They will continue to receive trash as they have been. People in the county will take the trash there like always but instead of dumping it on the ground they will put it into a "station". Dumping it on the floor there. This station will most likely be a building of some type. From there the trash will be pushed into trucks. The trucks will haul it to the new IDAWY land fill. The only trash allowed to go into the new land fill will be from the trucks bringing it from the transfer stations. By law they must restrict access to the new landfill. They could use fencing. It won't be seen from the HWY. Fish and game says it's not part of animal migration. Bald eagles do fly through.

From the audience.

Daniel Lakey has a farm North of the site. He asks, how will it affect him? Smell, traffic, debris. Is it on a big drainage?

Todd Boehme County Superintendent asks which is going to be the main road? What about public access to land above? How is the underground gas line that is already there affected?

Jason answers, the gas line has a right of way, they won't be close to that. They will do some geo tech testing but will stay away from it. Probably uphill from it.

Jason says they will not close off any existing roads. They will improve them and maintain them. They will use the Diamond Gulch Road. As for the drainage they will stay above the drainage on the plateau. Partly because it could be deemed wetlands lower down. They want to protect the environment, where it's dry and out of site. Required by law to control all run off including the "goop", "leachy" that comes off of the garbage. They will deal with the wind and plastic bags blowing around. Take pride in how it will look. Starting out about 10 loads a day. Not open to the public to dump there. They will have to go to the transfer station. Chad, an engineer says the cells are made out of a layer of carpet like stuff permeated with clay on the bottom then plastic then a drain system. The drainage is taken off and treated. On top soils are added then select layer of trash, then layers of trash. All compacted with machines then the final layer of dirt. For dust abatement on the roads? Roads will be gravel. They will be monitoring the ground water. If they apply too much water or other treatment to the road, it will appear on their water testing. Hard services are expensive and cost prohibitive. They will require 2 or 3 more employees but will mostly use the employees they have.

The Board that runs this comes from one commissioner from each county. They are all working together. Jason thanks everyone for coming and asking questions.

Heber Dunford makes a comment, he has seen different transfer stations and they are good to work with. Better than the land fill now.

- **Motion to close the hearing** is made by Julia Rowland, seconded by Patrick Reese, all in favor.
- **Motion to approve the IDAWY Solid Waste District CUP** is made by Sean Bartschi, seconded by Patrick Reese, all in favor.

Joshua Wiscombe presents his proposed development concepts around his place at 675 Jericho Loop Rd. Wanting to improve the Big Creek Road for snowmobiling. Has concepts or ideas, but he is open to getting creative. Spoke with the road and bridge and Commissioner Jensen about a turn around. Also wants to put some "units" up there as well. Maybe run a dude ranch and raise horses and cows. A precursor to a possible development there. Wants to have

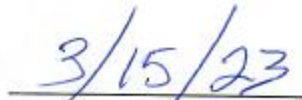
different homes for renting to hunters or snowmobilers. If he wants to subdivide, he'll need a turn around so they can plow it. If that is done the county can take over the road. Maybe it could be an answer for inexpensive housing in small homes. He wants to know if this is something he can pursue. Should he get the engineering? Has a couple paths he could take. An RV Park with park models and go through the process of an RV park. Or develop homes. Wondering how he should proceed. Probably an RV park or a subdivision.

Work meeting. Is fiber optic required in a subdivision to pass as a subdivision? Is fiber optic a utility? It is progressive to require it. The board thinks it would be a good idea. If someone wants to submit a preliminary plat and they don't have everything that is required, they may be rejected. They then will have to pay to resubmit and come again.

- **Motion to approve minutes** from last meeting is made by Julia Rowland, seconded by Patrick Reese, all in favor.
- **Motion to adjourn** the meeting is made by Sean Bartschi, seconded by Julia Rowland, all in favor at 9:38 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:


Albert Johnson, Chairman


Date