

**WHITMAN COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Public Service Building Auditorium  
Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS:**

Chad Whetzel – Chairman  
Dave Gibney  
Weston Kane

Brian Davies – Vice-Chairman  
Russel Jamison  
Mark Tolman

**Staff:** Alan Thomson, WC Planning Director; Grace Di Biase, WC Assistant Planner; Brandon Johnson, Public Works; Elinor Huber, Clerk.

**Others:** Rachel Granrath; Jeremy Sikes DOE; Shelly Chambers Fox

**7:02 p.m.** - Chad Whetzel opened the meeting. Introductions were held.

**MOTION** by Dave Gibney and seconded by Weston Kane to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2023 meeting. Motion passed.

Reports: Alan Thomson

- a. Board of Adjustment forthcoming hearings – We do have a conditional use permit on deck. An application for an inert landfill near Pine City. Hearing is yet to be determined. We've come across some issues with personnel for the Board of Adjustment. We couldn't get all three of them to agree on the same date and we were like two months out before we could get all three together. So, we investigated whether or not a member of the Planning Commission could serve at the same time on the Board of Adjustment. Legally, the answer is yes, and Brian Davies has volunteered to serve on the BOA. So, we can schedule a hearing and will be working on that tomorrow.
- b. Forthcoming Administrative Use Permits – None.
- c. Update on previous conditional use permits and variances – None.
- d. Update on previous administrative use permits – None.
- e. Board of County Commissioners' actions – None.
- f. Update on previous Board of County Commissioners' action – None.

- g. Forthcoming Shoreline of the State Substantial Development Permits – Actually, we do have one and I didn't put it down here. The application was paid for just a few days ago. Whitman Conservation District is going to be working on a section of the Palouse River, just outside of Colfax, where the trail is off of SR 26. Apparently in history and in time, a bunch of junk was deposited on the side of the banks of the Palouse River there. Old cars, other stuff. So, Whitman Conservation District is now tasked with removing all of that and then repairing the bank again. So that will require a substantial development permit. They have just paid for that and also a Floodplain Development Permit and a SEPA. All of that will be forthcoming. We have the applications in hand so we can start that process.
- h. Update on previous Shoreline of the State Substantial Development permits – None
- i. Planning Commission forthcoming hearings – After tonight, nothing.

Chad Whetzel – Moving on. There is no unfinished business and no new business. So, we will move on to the public hearing for the Shoreline Master Program Update.

**7:06 p.m.- Adjourned**