



Minutes For July 2, 2025
Crook County Planning Commission
Meeting

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Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

The meeting was conducted by Zoom, phone, and in-person at the Crook County Annex.

Attendance

Commissioners Attending:

In Person	Zoom	Commissioner	Excused Absence	Unexcused Absence
x		George Ponte		
x		Marlo Dill		
x		Laquita Stec		
x		Les Williamson		
x		Hunter Neuharth		
x		Mike Warren		
	x	Monty Kurtz, pro tem		

Staff Attending:

In Person	Zoom	Crook County Staff
x		John Eisler
x		Katie McDonald
x		Hannah Elliott

Public Comment

None

Continuation for Deliberation Only

Record Number 217-24-000293-PLNG: Conditional use application for a photovoltaic (pv) solar power generation facility located on property zoned Exclusive Farm Use zone, EFU-3. The proposal includes a ground mounted solar array, gen tie transmission lines, a substation, an energy storage system, and an operation and maintenance facility. The project is pro-posed to be a 320-acre site, on a portion of property identified as map tax lot: 1615000000300. It is north of an existing solar facility.

The hearing was being held pursuant to: Crook County Code ("CCC") 18.172 (Administration Provisions)

The Planning Commission evaluated the request against the following applicable criteria.

Crook County Code, Title 18, Chapter 16, Chapter 160, Chapter 161, Chapter 180, the Crook County, Comprehensive Plan, Oregon Administrative Rules, and Oregon Revised Statutes.

The Chair asked if any Commissioner had any bias, prejudice, personal interest, or conflicts of interest to disclose.

Commissioner	No	Disclosure
Marlo Dill	X	
Laquita Stec	X	
Les Williamson	X	
Goerge Ponte	X	
Hunter Neuharth	X	
Mike Warren	X	
Monty Kurtz	X	

The Chair asked if any Commissioner had any Ex Parte Contact with the Applicant or any Member of the Public regarding this matter, noting that Commissioners should disclose if they have visited the site.

Commissioner	No	Disclosure
Marlo Dill	X	
Laquita Stec	X	
Les Williamson	X	
Goerge Ponte	X	
Hunter Neuharth	X	
Mike Warren	X	
Monty Kurtz	X	

The Chair asked if any member of the public, including those participating by phone, wished to challenge any member of the Commission.

None.

The Chair asked to hear from Staff.

Community Development Director, John Eisler, advised the Commission that, due to a newly identified foundational legal matter, the scheduled proceedings would not follow the original agenda. He recommended that the Planning Commission defer its decision to allow staff and legal counsel sufficient time to investigate the issue and provide proper guidance. Consequently, Director Eisler requested that the hearing be continued to a date certain, approximately two to three weeks from the current date.

Staff and the commission discussed dates.

Planning Commission Action

MOTION: Commissioner Ponte made a motion to continue deliberations on record number 217-24-000293-PLNG to a time and date certain here at the Crook County Annex on July 23rd to begin at 4:00 PM.

Commissioner Stec seconded the motion.

No Discussion.

Chair Warren called for the vote:

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain
George Ponte	x		
Marlo Dill	x		
Laquita Stec	x		
Les Williamson	x		
Hunter Neuharth	x		
Mike Warren			
Monty Kurtz, pro tem	x		
Motion passes 6-0-0			

Staff Updates/Planning Commission Comments

Eisler updated the Commission on the TSR North project, noting that the Board of Commissioners approved the Goal 3 exception for the New Sun project in a 2-1 vote, with a formal written decision to be finalized shortly. Regarding upcoming business, Eisler confirmed that candidate applications for the open vacancy have been posted to the website for review prior to next week's 3:00 PM meeting.

Commissioner Williamson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Stec seconded the motion.

Chair Warren called for the vote:

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain
George Ponte	x		
Marlo Dill	x		
Laquita Stec	x		
Les Williamson	x		
Hunter Neuharth	x		
Mike Warren	x		
Monty Kurtz, pro tem	x		
Motion passes 7-0-0			

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.