

**BONNER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hidden called the Bonner County Planning Commission meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room, of the Bonner County Administration Building, 1500 Highway 2, Sandpoint, Idaho, via Zoom webinar, and YouTube live streaming.

PRESENT: Chair Eric Hidden (Zoom), Commissioner Dave Bowman, Commissioner Larry Madoski, Commissioner Brendan Mooney (Zoom)

ABSENT: Commissioner Erik Leavitt, and Commissioner Peter Taylor, Commissioner Don Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Planning Director, Alex Feyen

CHANGES IN AGENDA: Deleted Action Item – Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Planning Commission reviewed and approved the minutes for January 20, 2026, with amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Groundwater Source Protection Technical Committee Update:

Jack Howard shared a presentation and provided an update on the progress overall. He showed an approximate 15-mile radius pertaining to wells and borehole data analysis. He talked about the various soils in the different areas. Peer review of the data will not begin until April of this year. Mr. Howard stated the funding from DEQ is on hold until the Funding Administrator is filled. He stated his group is going to write a grant as another source of funds. Commissioner Bowman asked what the shape of the outline followed. Mr. Howard stated it follows the boundary of the Sagle aquifer.

Flint stated there is plenty of data to move forward even in the event of some unforeseen circumstance preventing other data from being obtained. He stated he has been working with Jason and Kent with Panhandle Health District, Kelly Johnson and Nathan Taylor with Eastern Idaho Public Health District developing the septic density measure. He shared a PDF and provided some basic information regarding the data. He stated he is talking with Seth Oliver with the DEQ office to begin working on the background and development for sampling. He believes they will have something to submit to DEQ for budgeting in July and sampling in April.

Review of Title 12, Chapters 1, 2 & 8: None

Review Glossary of Terms: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DISCUSSION

ACTION ITEMS:

Staff Updates: Planning Director position has been filled.

Next meeting the commission will hear an amendment file.

Zoning Commission is interested in having a joint meeting either at the end of March or beginning of April. Interim Director Feyen will confirm a date with them and have them decide what items they would like on the agenda.

Review/Update Planning Projects/Action Items: Chair asked the Commissioners to review and update the list accordingly for discussion at a future meeting.

Interim Director Feyen updated the commissioners about the meeting with the fire districts. Fire districts at the meeting included, Spirit Lake, Selkirk, West Pend `Orielle, and Sam Owen. The Fire Chiefs are going to meet to compile a list of what they believe is reasonable for the County to ask them to do. County legal counsel was also present at the meeting and provided some good insight to help mitigate liability for each party.

Next agenda: Review proposed Bills by Idaho Legislature

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Hidden declared the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., March 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Alex Feyen, Assistant Planning Director

Bonner County Planning Commission



Eric Hidden, Chair