1. **6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lane called the October 3, 2012 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Chair Chris Lane, Commissioners Kathleen O’Connor, Bill Jackson, Scott Nelson, Christopher Earle, Edward Fleisher & Jennifer Davis

**Absent:** Liz Kohlenberg & Christine Spaulding

**Staff:** Scott Clark & Christy Osborn

2. **6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner O’Connor moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Fleisher seconded. Motion carried.

Item numbers 6 and 7 on the agenda were removed because they were withdrawn.

3. **6:31 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Mr. Clark provided the following staff updates:

- A request was made to move the November 23, 2012 meeting to November 14th to accommodate the holiday week and keep within the timing for Mineral Lands and hold the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner O’Connor moved to change the date of the November 23, 2012 Planning Commission meeting to November 14, 2012. Commissioner Fleisher seconded. Motion carried.

- The Mardon Skipper is not going to be listed. The Governor asked for an extension on the proposed rule and finding if it is not warranted or precluded for about 60 days in regards to the Mazama Pocket Gopher. USFWS agreed to the extension. The other two proposed species have gone forward to the federal register and should be posted soon.

- The Thurston County Farm Bureau has appealed the CAO. Staff is putting together a record of index for the appeal that is due on the 24th of October. An e-mail with the appeal will be sent to the PC in the next couple of days.
4. **6:36 P.M. Update: Mineral Lands Designation Criteria**
   *Staff: Scott Clark*

Ms. Story was unavailable at the time the update was moved to on the agenda so Mr. Clark spoke in her absence.

Staff is working through the Growth Hearings Board determination and complying with all aspects of the return. The County’s geologist is also working on determining if there are significant mineral resources in forest lands.

All of the updated information will be brought before the PC at the next scheduled meeting and that is also when the PC will be asked to set a public hearing on the matter.

5. **6:38 P.M. Work Session: Long Term Agricultural Lands Reconsiderations**
   *Staff: Christy Osborn*

Ms. Osborn gave a brief updated on Long Term Ag. Staff has hired a soil scientist named Phillip Small to review the soil reports that were submitted. Staff is also looking at the current use tax status of each property. Two maps were then passed out that showed the use status mapped for the Lewin property and the Schrader Crown Ranch property. Ms. Osborn’s presentation continued.

Commissioner O’Connor asked for updated information on the history on the Lewin and Schrader Crown Ranch properties including the relinquishing of development rights and changes that were done in their taxing. Staff will be bringing further information to the next work session.

Further discussion ensued about how the State deals with soil analysis and how it is applied to these particular cases.

**Commissioner O’Connor moved to set a public hearing on Long Term Agriculture Lands Reconsiderations on November 7, 2012. Commissioner Davis seconded. Commissioner Nelson opposed. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Nelson opposed the motion because he would like to see everyone have all of the information prior to the hearing specifically the soil analysis. It was then discussed among the PC members that if the applicants do not have enough time to review the analysis before the hearing then Chair Lane will consider cancelling the public hearing. As soon as staff receives the information they will be distributing it to the PC members and applicants.

6. **6:59 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)**

7. **7:03 PM ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Chair Lane adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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Chris Lane, Chair

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