JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF EMMETT / GEM COUNTY
SUMMARY MINUTES

May 18, 2009
City Hall
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Salazar, Anita Hendrix, Travis Madsen, Rick Weekly and Troy Kochner.

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH PRIOR NOTICE: Debbie Rouwenhorst.

OTHERS PRESENT: Development Services Coordinator Jennifer Kharrl and City Clerk Marge Lawrence.

PUBLIC PRESENT: None.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Hendrix called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. **Review of Agenda:** Chairman **Hendrix** removed items 4 **(a) "**Discussion /Approval of Housing Chapter "and 5(c) "Population and Growth Chapter Update" from the agenda.

3. **Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2009:** Commissioner **Weekly** made a **motion to approve** the minutes. It was seconded by Chairman **Hendrix**. **Motion carried.**

4. **Unfinished Business:**
   a. **Implementation Chapter Update (Ch.13):** Commissioner **Weekly** reported that the presentation before the Board of County Commissioners and City Council went well and the chapter is ready for public hearing. After discussion it was decided that it would be better to wait for other chapters nearing completion and bundle them together for public hearing. The target for this happening is late summer or early fall. Chapter 13 will remain on the agenda under unfinished business as a reminder.

5. **New Business:**
   a. **Education Chapter Update (Ch.5):** Commissioner **Salazar** reported the updates are still in progress. She wonders if the chapter is "too much". They haven't had a chance to really understand everything that is in there. Some language may be too strong. What is included seemed important to those who worked on the original draft. (Sue Beitia, David Potter, Gretchen Hyde, Marilyn Bjorkman, and Janet Hines)

      Commissioner **Weekly** is concerned that he couldn't find a link between actions, education and economy. Education needs to be a partner in growth of the economy. Why parents and students are seeking an alternative to our schools is

not addressed. Why aren't they moving here to go to school? He also feels the chapter is way too long. It needs to "get to the point".

Other discussion included concern that the transition on page 2 doesn't flow well, the chapter needs to show financial responsibility, the need to include reading, writing and math, and the lack of metrics.

6. **Items from Planning Director:** Brad was not available to attend the meeting so Jennifer went in his place. Jennifer stated that the Board of County Commissioners will hold their public hearing on June 8, 2009, for the proposed Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. Jennifer asked the Commission if they would be interested in hearing a presentation at their next meeting about groundwater protection from The Idaho Rural Water Association. On June 22 there will be a presentation on groundwater protection from Melinda Harper.

7. **Upcoming Meetings:** Next meeting is June 22, 2009 at 10:00 am.

8. **Adjournment**: **A motion to adjourn** was made by Commissioner **Salazar** and seconded by Commissioner **Kochner**. **Motion carried**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Chairman Anita Hendrix Clerk Marge Lawrence