

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Advisory Board Interview**  
**January 5, 2021**  
**3:30 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Community Development Director David Callahan, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Planning and Zoning Commission Chair David Levine, Coeur d'Alene Press Reporter Madison Hardy and Kootenai County Resident Connie Krueger. Commissioner Brooks was present via teleconference.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. **Business:**

**Planning and Zoning Commission Applicant Interview: Connie Krueger (Discussion)**

Kootenai County Resident Connie Krueger described her past experience and employment. She said she had about 23 years of public sector experience as a planning professional and had started her own company about two and a half years ago. She noted that she had been a Community Development Director for most of that time. She stated she had worked with cities and counties in both Washington and Idaho. She added that in 2011 she had become the Community Development Director for the City of Hayden and was there until she started her own consulting firm. She offered some details of the sort of tasks she had performed.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked a question from the prepared list.

An effective Planning Commission requires members from all walks of life to ensure that the entire community is well represented. Would you share why you believe your background or experience would be a helpful addition to the Commission? Is there a community segment you feel you represent?

Ms. Krueger responded that she had a degree in Urban Enrichment Planning and was a certified planner. She said she had been trained to represent all components of the community. She provided examples from her employment history to illustrate this.

Commissioner Bill Brooks asked if she was currently representing clients before Planning Commissioners and if she intended to continue with that activity.

Ms. Krueger said she was currently representing clients and did intend to continue.

Commissioner Brooks asked if she felt there would be a conflict of interest.

Ms. Krueger said she did not. She explained that the majority of the work she did with private development clients was for permits, with only a few things dealing with any planning commissions. She stated that she would recuse herself if she felt there was an issue in a particular topic.

Commissioner Duncan asked another question from the list.

Do you have time to devote outside of meetings to study and research issues?

Ms. Krueger said she did. She said she had already spent substantial time reviewing the codes and comprehensive plans of the cities and the counties in this region.

Chairman Fillios asked, in light of the growth Kootenai County had experienced, how she would balance that with individual property rights.

Ms. Krueger replied that growth was an issue, but policies could be implemented that would encourage good development and take property rights into consideration, without handicapping it. She offered some suggestions of possible policies that could be considered.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair David Levine said that the group often met on a weekly basis, generally 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. He stated they had 17 meetings last year and over 30 meetings the year before. He asked if she would be able to manage that with her schedule.

Ms. Krueger responded that she had a flexible schedule and could attend a meeting each week, if necessary.

Community Development Director David Callahan stated that he felt Ms. Krueger would be an excellent addition to the Planning Commission. He added that she could consult with the County's legal counsel any time she felt there might be a question of conflict or appearance of impropriety.

Commissioner Duncan moved that the Board enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a). Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks:           Aye  
Commissioner Duncan:         Aye  
Chairman Fillios:                Aye

The motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:47 p.m.

**Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent. (Closed Session – Discussion Item)**

**Decisions/Direction (Open Session – Action Item)**

The Board exited Executive Session at 4:07 p.m.

Commissioner Brooks moved that the Board exit Executive Session. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye  
Commissioner Duncan: Aye  
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

Chairman Fillios moved that the Board nominate Connie Krueger as a Planning Commissioner to the open position, for a three year term. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye  
Commissioner Duncan: Aye  
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

Chairman Fillios moved that the Board reappoint David Levine to another three year term. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye  
Commissioner Duncan: Aye  
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

Chairman Fillios moved that the Board reappoint Deborah Rose for a one year term as a Planning Commissioner. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye  
Commissioner Duncan: Nay  
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

Commissioner Duncan noted that the choices would be ratified at an upcoming Business Meeting.

- D. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

**E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk

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