

**BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Jim Baker, Meagan Bradshaw, John Dodson, Wade Hall, Steve Hermanson, Henry Blessing, Stephen Kelley, Deborah Looney, Elmer Chewning, Jerry Mercer

**Members Absent:**

Guy Boone

**Others Present:**

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary  
Eric Workman, Planning Commission Vice-Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:00 PM, Chairman Mercer called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was given and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country by everyone present.

**ROLL CALL**

Planning Commission Secretary Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 5, 2015. Commissioner Kelley made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 5, 2015; Commissioner Hall provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

-Dr. Workman provided the background for the time table of the revisions of the current Comprehensive Plan. He explained the proposed progress with getting input from all boards, commissions and people of Bland County. He explained the time frame, in that we would be taking our time and getting the input to complete the Comprehensive Plan rewrite. He expressed his pleasure with all representatives present. He introduced Aaron Sizemore, MRPDC Director.

Mr. Sizemore spoke on his experiences in Bland County. Mr. Sizemore expressed his amazement in having so many representatives present at the kick off meeting. He then explained MRPDC's role in assisting Local Governments in their operations in general, Comprehensive Plan re-writes in particular. He then introduced Salem Bush.

Mr. Bush spoke briefly about himself and dove right into the Comprehensive time table and method to the re-write. A flow chart and time table were presented to all attendees and are made part of the minutes.

-It was discussed that the sub-committee appointments are to include other people beside PC members.

-A letter to all boards and commissions is to be sent out soon asking for volunteers for the sub committees. Committees are to be formed and approved at the March PC meeting.

Dr. Workman thanked all present for their attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Dodson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Chewning provided the second, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joel K. Cagle- Secretary  
Planning Commission  
County of Bland