

MEETING MINUTES:
Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meeting
TOPIC: Farmland Protection
Wed., October 28, 2020

Recording available at:

<https://uidaho.zoom.us/rec/share/DaJt7laaZA9T4uo5zLANojPTDgoojVfeOhySpOdl6s7PhifgvqodeFZp4zYiUatN.U9i2AswXgPholto3?startTime=1603908128000>

1. 12:00 pm – **Welcome & Introductions** (5-10 minutes) (Jen Werlin/ Melissa Hamilton, UI Extension)
2. 12:10 pm— **Review of Summer Community Garden Tour in Jackson** (5 minutes) (Jen W.)
3. 12:15 pm— **New Business—Farmland Preservation Discussion** (Jen W. / group)
 - a. **Review of APA Farmland Protection tools**
<https://www.planning.org/knowledgebase/farmlandprotection/> (Melissa/Jen)

Planning resources:

APA Food Systems division: <https://planning.org/divisions/food/>

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/landuse/?cid=nrcs143_008438

<http://www2.humboldt.edu/henrysfork/>

Food Assessment - <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/cals/college/services/grant-project-development/Small-farm-Teton-View-Ag-Assessment-3-30-2015.pdf?la=en&hash=9979E869DE9481B328D26BD17EA518F9FF6720B9>

https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/gm-gives-new-details-on-meatpacking-plant/article_8319cb7f-302f-5f50-80a5-51f5142d4ac2.html

- b. **Overview of American Farmland Trust resources** (Jen W.)
4. 12:30 pm—**Review of Victor, Driggs, and County Planning departments:** Status updates re: Comprehensive Plans, Land use policies and ordinances, and zoning (County and City Planners)

Check codes and use requirements:

https://www.driggsidaho.org/use_images/pz/ch_10_5-13-2020.pdf

<https://www.victorcityidaho.com/globalimage/Municipal%20Code/Zoning/2020Update/Article>

[%2010 Amended%20Batch%202-clean%201-2020%20no%20comments.pdf](#)

<https://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/codePolicy.php?type=1>

Planning Tool – AG

Gary - County

-Zoning and sub-division regulation – minimum lot size requirements (huge lot size minimum) – micro agriculture (1 or 2 acres – rather than 20), cost prohibitive to the small scale producer

-Average Lot size, rather than minimum lot size

-Home site (for family) that doesn't have to break up the family farm

-PUD ordinance – spot zone, not viewed as beneficial

-Force people into bad land use with practices (like Driggs having an average lot size to cluster and preserve larger areas) – current zoning not good for either one of those

Commissioner – Cindy Riegel

Ag County Advisory Council

City of Victor -- Kim Kolner

Would like to have this stakeholder base to be able to reach out to for future studies, information finding.

Future requests for programming:

<https://reason.com/2020/04/04/novel-new-wyoming-law-lets-local-ranchers-sell-cuts-of-meat-directly-to-consumers/>

5. 1:00 pm—**Review of land trust conservation easements** (TRLT)
Joselin Matkins gave a general overview of the conservation easement process and how it can be a tool to help preserve valuable ag land and wildlife habitat.
6. **Next Meeting Date and Location:** January 27 @ 12pm MST via Zoom
7. Adjourned at 1:30 pm