



CHELAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Chelan County Planning Commission
Chelan County Community Development
400 Douglas Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Date: April 22, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

COMMISSIONER PRESENT/ABSENT

Doug England	Present - zoom	James Wiggs	Absent
Tammy Donaghue	Present - zoom	Ken Hemberry	Present
Cherie Warren	Present - zoom	Jesse Redell	Present - zoom
Chris Willoughby	Present - zoom	Mike Sines	Absent
Nik Moushon	Present - zoom		

STAFF PRESENT

Madalyn Treat
Ashley Fernandez
Susan Dretke

PUBLIC PRESENT:

PUBLIC PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Minutes:

Chairwoman Cherie Warren starts the meeting and takes roll.

She proceeds, asking the commissioners if they had read the minutes from the March 25th meeting.

Hearing no corrections, changes, or additions.

Motion:

Motion to approve first by commissioner England, and second by commissioner Moushon, to approve agenda and meeting minutes from March 25th Planning Commission Meeting.

Vote – All in Favor

Motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comment.

New Business:

Malaga UGA Plan- The Malaga community, located in unincorporated Chelan County along the Columbia River, is experiencing development patterns and growth pressures that are no longer consistent with its designation as a Limited Area of More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRD). Over the past several decades, the area has experienced substantial increases in population, housing density, and employment activity, supported in-part by the LAMIRD designation (over the last 10 years) and associated urban-scale zoning. However, corresponding urban infrastructure has not been made available. Under the Washington Growth Management Act (GMA), this level of growth should occur within Urban Growth Areas (UGAs), where jurisdictions can plan land capacity, infrastructure, and public services to accommodate twenty-year population and employment forecasts. Malaga's existing conditions, including continued residential expansion and emerging economic activity tied to regional industry, indicates that it functions as an urban area and warrants planning consistent with that role.

Chelan County Senior Planner Susan Dretke introduces the Malaga UGA periodic update draft.

Commissioners discuss.

No public comment.

Old Business:

Discussion at the Chair's Discretion:

Commissioners briefly discuss the 2026 docket and recent legislation that they should be aware of.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Next Planning Commission Meeting to be held on May 27,
2026, at 6:30 pm

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to the public.**

