

MINUTES OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 18, 2010
BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
7:00 P.M.

Zoning Administrator LeAnn Klein opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M. at the Buffalo County Highway Department Building in Kearney, NE with a quorum present on February 18, 2010. Present were: Ken Erickson, Marlin Heiden, Willie Keep, Gwen Stengel and Loye Wolfe. Absent: Karin Covalt, Leonard Skov, Paul Steinbrink, Sr. and Craig Wietjes. Also attending were Deputy County Attorney Melanie Bellamy, Zoning Administrator LeAnn Klein and one member of the public.

Klein announced there was a copy of the open meetings act posted on the bulletin board and we do abide by the open meetings act.

Klein asked for nominations for Chairperson. It was moved by Erickson, seconded by Keep to nominate Craig Wietjes for Chairperson. Voting yes: Erickson, Keep, Heiden, Stengel and Wolfe. Voting no: none. Absent: Covalt, Skov, Steinbrink and Wietjes. Motion passed.

Klein asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. It was moved by Wolfe, seconded by Stengel to nominate Leonard Skov as Vice-Chairperson. Voting yes: Wolfe, Stengel, Erickson, Heiden and Keep. Voting no: none. Absent: Covalt, Skov, Steinbrink and Wietjes. Motion passed.

Klein asked for nominations for Secretary. It was moved by Stengel, seconded by Erickson to nominate Loye Wolfe as Secretary. Voting yes: Stengel, Erickson, Heiden and Keep. Abstain: Wolfe. Absent: Covalt, Skov, Steinbrink and Wietjes. Motion passed.

Klein asked for Chair ProTem for tonight's meeting in the absence of both the Chair & Vice-Chair.

Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Wolfe to have Gwen Stengel be the Chair Pro Tem for tonight's meeting. Voting yes: Erickson, Wolfe, Heiden, Keep and Stengel. Voting no: none. Absent: Covalt, Skov, Steinbrink and Wietjes. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to Chair Pro Tem Stengel.

Agenda for such meeting was regularly posted as required by law and the agenda is available for anyone wanting one.

The public forum was opened at 7:10 P.M. No one was present to address the Commission. The public forum closed at 7:10 P.M.

Stengel read the letter received from Trenton Snow on behalf of Robert Hunter to have the rezoning application tabled until the March 18 meeting. This is for property located for a tract of land in the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 2, Township 11 North, Range 16 West of the 6th p.m., Buffalo County, Nebraska.

Old Business: Moved by Wolfe, seconded by Heiden to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 and January 21, 2010 as mailed. Voting yes: Wolfe, Heiden, Erickson, Keep and Stengel. Voting no: none. Absent: Covalt, Skov, Steinbrink and Wietjes. Motion passed.

Deputy County Attorney Bellamy and the Commission discussed wind regulations as they pertain to small wind turbines.

A motion was made by Heiden, seconded by Erickson to set a public hearing for small wind turbine language and other areas of concern for March 18, 2010. Voting yes: Heiden, Erickson, Keep, Stengel and Wolfe. Voting no: none. Absent: Covalt, Skov, Steinbrink and Wietjes. Motion passed.

Other items of concern were discussed.

The next meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission will be March 18, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Highway Department.

The Commission adjourned at 8:20 P.M.