



# Saline Planning and Zoning Minutes



SALINE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING MEETING AUGUST 18, 2020

The Saline County Planning & Zoning Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Doug Horak at 7:05 pm., on August 18, 2020 at the Court House in Wilber. Roll was called by Lyle Weber, P&Z Administrator. Present were: Wayne Havlat, Wayne Miller, Ron Fink, Jeff Jansky, Mary Jo Weber, Johnny Barta, Doug Wenz, and Doug Horak. Also present was Commissioner Marvin Kohout. Chair Horak reminded everyone we observe the open meeting rules, that are posted on the wall. Public present were Jeff Koll, Hope Moura!, Chuck McKay, Gary Veprovsky, Dave Vavra, and Darrel Hayek. Jack Sukovaty was on line.

Mary Jo asked for everyone to correct the date on their minute copies to July 21st not August 21st as copied. Minutes were read. Motion to file as corrected made by Johnny Barta, Second by Wayne Miller. Roll Call Vote: Miller, Jansky, Fink, Havlat, Barta, Wenz, MJ Weber and Horak all yeas., Motion approved to file.

New Business: Jeff Koll asked for a Moratorium on Wind Farm Permits. Vice Chair, Miller took over the meeting at this time. Mr. Koll is asking for Saline county to halt any new Conditional Use Permits for Wind Towers for six months. He presented the P&Z board with a copy of the Resolution that Gage County has drafted. Jeff Koll stated that this was needed not only for safety factors but to insure that the board get something done on updating those regulations. Mr. Koll also presented a list of six items he felt should be addressed on this matter. Some type of compensation for non-participating property owners was one of the comments, regarding property lines and permits. After lengthy discussion from the public and the board, Vice Chair Miller called meeting back to order.

Johnny Barta moved to put a Moratorium on Conditional Use Permits on Wind Farms through December 31, 2020, which can be lifted by majority vote of the Planning & Zoning Board. Wayne Havlat second. Miller asked for any other board discussion. Roll call by Lyle Weber, P&Z Administrator, Voting yeas were: Fink, MJ Weber, Havlat, Miller, Jansky, and Barta. Wenz voting no and Horak abstained. Motion carried. County Attorney will have to review resolution.

Old Business: Changing Regulations on the Wind Tower Projects. Discussion from public and board included if permits should be allowed to transfer to new companies or if reapplying should be necessary. Should decommission regulations be part of the contracts and the ice flicker *issue* on blades. Vice Chair Miller asked for comments on each item of the six listed by Koll. Board agreed to try start update on these regulations.

Commissioner Marvin Kohout reported they have been working on Department Meetings for the new Budget. Assessment value for the county improved with new growth.

Wayne Havlat moved to adjourn meeting and second by Ron Fink. All Yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mary Jo Weber, Secretary.