



Saline Planning and Zoning Minutes



SALINE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING

DECEMBER 20, 2022

The Saline County Planning and Zoning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on December 20, 2022 by Chairman Johnny Barta. He stated that the Open Meeting Act applied to this meeting and is posted on the East wall of the Assembly Room in the Saline County Courthouse in Wilber, Nebraska. Zoning Administrator Lyle Weber read the roll call. Present were Gerald Brown, Ron Fink, John Barta, Jeff Koll, Wayne Havlat, Mark Due, and Mary Jo Weber. Absent: Keith Muller and Joel Weber. Also present were Zoning Administrator Lyle Weber and numerous members of the public.

Minutes of the October 18th, 2022 minutes were read with one correction being section 56 changed to 26. Minutes were moved for approval by Jeff Koll 2nd by Gerald Brown. Voting yes were Havlat, Brown, Fink, Due, MJ Weber, Barta, and Koll. Minutes approved and submitted for filing.

Galen Kuska asked the board to approve a minor sub-division of about 3 acres located at section 31-7-1. Mary Jo Weber asked about utilities and applicant stated they were working with Norris Public Power for utilities. Havlat made motion to approve with Fink 2nd. Voting yes; Havlat, Brown, Fink, Due, MJ Weber, Barta, and Koll. None opposed, motion passed

Dwayne Wolfe presented a minor sub-division application for about 6 acres of an existing acreage located at NW1/4 of 21-5-1, to be split off the farm ground so one parcel can be sold in the future. Due motioned to approve with Havlat 2nd. Voting yes: Havlat, Brown, Fink, Due, MJ Weber, Barta, and Koll. Motion approved.

Citizens Forum

Ron Dvorak questioned the sound the turbines actually made. Gary Veprovsky asked about the safety procedures around the turbines. Alan Brunkow stated he would like to see the onsite turbines and commercial turbines have the same sound limit. Chuck McKay would like regs on infra sound. Matt Jones stated their company is there to answer questions. Dave Levy property rights and consistent setbacks. Mitch Fritz stated he doesn't want turbines that are louder than existing ones.

NEW BUSINESS: Zoning Administrator Weber stated the Commissioners voted 3-1 to have the P&Z Board start the process of changing the sound limit on wind turbines from 40 dba to 50 dba. MJ Weber stated her concern regulating may lead to more than wind like other ag items. (equipment, bin fans and irrigation engines) Havlat asked if bigger turbines are much louder. Ron Fink made a motion to table the item with Due 2nd. Voting yes: Havlat, Brown, Fink, Due, MJ Weber, Barta, and Koll. Motion passed.

The board discussed solar regulations. Koll stated he would like to add wildlife impact to solar regs and asked the board to look into possible changes to the solar regulations.

No Commissioner's Report

Brown made a motion to adjourn with Due 2nd. All voted yes.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20p.m.



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Lyle Weber Zoning Administrator