

Ellis County Joint Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2015

Members Present:

David McDaniel
John Schulte
Glenn Cox
Dean Gottschalk
Galen Huser
Kendall Krug
Nathan Leiker
Brett Schmidt

Members Absent:

Dick Klaus
Rob Soneson

Staff Present:

Karen Purvis, R.S./Zoning Administrator
Lynette Stramel, Recording Secretary

Counsel Present:

Bill Jeter

County Administrator:

Greg Sund

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The March 25, 2015 meeting of the Ellis County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman David McDaniel at 7:01 pm. The meeting was held at 718 Main St. Commission Chambers.

Roll call was taken. 8 members were present. There was a quorum.

Minutes: John Schulte moved to approve the February 25, 2015 minutes as written. Kendall Krug seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Presentations:

none

Staff Report: Karen Purvis presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission information about the activities since the last meeting. She informed the board that we received the Court Order issued terminating the tolling order and conditional use permit previously issued to Hays Wind, LLC. The order also lifts the stay on the proceedings and dismisses the case with prejudice. This is, therefore, the final order in the case. The CUP previously issued to Hays Wind, LLC is now void.

Old Business:

Chairman McDaniel opened the review of the Lot Split sections of the Ellis County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Various examples of other Kansas counties regulations were reviewed. Board members, County Administrator, County Counsel and Zoning Administrator discussed options for how the regulations could be amended. Kendall Krug moved to have the County Counsel draft an amendment to the Lot Split Regulations reflecting the board’s proposed changes. This amendment will be circulated to the board members prior to the next meeting. Galen Huser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Chairman McDaniel opened the discussion concerning the Ellis County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 6. County Administrator made contact with Amy Haase of RDG, Omaha, Nebraska. She stated the information needed for background on the recommendations is in the plan document. The suggestion was given by the County Administrator to read through the previous chapters to gain a better idea of what changes can be made in the zoning regulations to better align with the plan.

New Business: Kendall Krug mentioned that he has received complaints concerning the amount of dust being generated with the activity with the wind project north of Hays. Zoning Administrator stated that the wind energy company is wetting the roads down to help with this issue as this was addressed in their CUP prior to construction beginning.

Other Business:

none

Confirmation of next meeting date: The next meeting will be scheduled for April 22, 2015 at Ellis County Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Lower Level, Hays, KS at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: John Schulte moved the meeting be adjourned. Nathan Leiker seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectively Submitted

Lynette Stramel

Chairman

Date