

# Ellis County Joint Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2014

**Members Present:**

Kendall Krug  
Marcy McClelland  
David McDaniel  
John Schulte  
Glenn Cox  
Rob Soneson  
Nathan Leiker  
Galen Huser  
Dean Gottschalk – arrived late at 7:05p.m.

**Members Absent:**

Dick Klaus

**Staff Present:**

Karen Purvis, R.S.  
Lynette Stramel, Recording Secretary  
Carla Meier, Environmental Dept.

**Counsel Present:**

Bill Jeter

**County Administrator:**

Greg Sund

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The August 27, 2014 meeting of the Ellis County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman David McDaniel at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the 601 Main Street meeting room.

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

**Minutes:** Nathan Leiker moved to approve the July 23, 2014 minutes as written. Marcy McClelland seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Presentations:**

none

**Public Hearing:**

Kendall Krug made motion to Open the Public Hearing. Second by Nathan Leiker. Motion carried 9-0. Chairman McDaniel turned over the Public Hearing to Kendall Krug to chair due to his experience in these matters. No objections from the members. Kendall asked the staff to present the Public Hearing agenda item. Kendall reviewed Article 27 of Ellis County Regulations. Karen Purvis presented the information relating to the Conditional Use Permit 1412 for Danny Jr & Bobbie Dinkel dba High Plains Aerial LLC. Kendall asked the Commission members for any questions for Karen. No questions at this time.

Kendall asked applicants Danny Jr & Bobbie Dinkel if they would like to speak and/or make a presentation. Bobbie and Danny Dinkel Jr showed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the process and details of their plan for High Plains Aerial LLC. One member of the audience had signed the “Wish to Speak” form so Kendall gave Mr. Mark Schroeder the opportunity to address the Dinkels and board. Mr. Schroeder stated that the Dinkels had addressed most of his concerns in their presentation which involved water use, noise abatement and policing of the property. Members of the board, Karen and the Dinkels answered his concerns. Kendall asked the audience if there was anyone else who would like to speak. No one came forward to do so.

Karen presented her findings for the Conditional Use Permit 1412 for Danny Jr and Bobbie Dinkel dba High Plains Aerial LLC. She stated all the procedures and forms were completed in a timely manner, fees paid and all requirements completed. Karen recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit 1412. Questions were asked by committee members to the applicants. County Counselor Bill Jeter stated the committee has the right to make recommendations, but the County Commissioners have the right to approve the Conditional Use Permit with or without those recommendations. Kendall made a final request for any further questions for the applicants.

Motion made by Galen Huser to Close the Public Hearing and begin deliberations. Motion seconded by Nathan Leiker. Motion carried 9-0. Commission started the completion of the Guidelines and Finding of Fact for the Dinkel/High Plains Aerial LLC Conditional Use Permit 1412. Nathan Leiker made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit 1412 for Danny Jr and Bobbie Dinkel dba High Plains Aerial LLC with the condition they are to have their license on file and to recommend approval of the County Commissioners. Motion seconded by John Schulte. Motion carried 9-0. John Schulte moved to approve the Development Plan as presented and to recommend approval to the County Commissioners. Glenn Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

**Kendall Krug announced the protest period ends September 10, 2014.**

**Staff Report:** Karen Purvis, R.S., presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission information about the current Zoning Permits, Entrance Applications, an update on the Buckeye Wind project, and an update on the Litterel conditional use permit on Buckeye Road. No new CUP applications have been received. The KEHA Conference will be held Sept. 24-26 with Karen Purvis and Carla Meier attending. Karen and Carla will not be able to attend if there is a September meeting held. The Environmental Tour date was changed to September 17, 2014. Karen also reviewed the Air Quality Construction Permit Hearing by Goodman Energy Center and informed the Commission of the Planning Commissioner Training to be held October 3, 2014.

**Old Business:**

Karen Purvis read the Buckeye Wind Report from Allyson Sand as below:

Here's Buckeye's monthly update:

Since our last update, the construction of interconnection facilities and network upgrades at the Post Rock Substation have been completed. While testing and commissioning work remains, all infrastructure required for the Buckeye Wind Project to inject power onto Midwest Energy's system has been completed. The testing and commissioning is scheduled to be completed this fall. Once again, we appreciate the support and patience of our participating landowners, the community as a whole, and the planning commission.

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Karen Purvis showed the committee members new pictures of what has been done on the Litterel property. The new members of the Commission, Nathan Leiker and Rob Soneson took their oaths for office.

**New Business:**

none

**Other Business:**

none

**Confirmation of next meeting date:** The next meeting will be scheduled, if September is cancelled, for October 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the 601 Main Street meeting room.

**Adjournment:** Dean Gottschalk moved the meeting be adjourned. Nathan Leiker seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectively Submitted

Lynette Stramel

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Chairman

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Date