



Howard Planning and Zoning Minutes



MINUTES HOWARD COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING September 17, 2014

A meeting of the Howard County Planning & Zoning Commission was convened in Open and Public session on the 17th of September, 2014 in the Assembly Room of the Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Chairman Terry Spilinek called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. The Open Meeting Act is posted in the rear of the room. Administrator Klinginsmith read the Notice of Meeting. A proof of publication is filed at the Howard County Clerk's office.

Roll call showed 6 members present: Daryl Anderson, Jeff Christensen, Ken Kozisek, Jack Reimers, Ron Kulwicki, and Terry Spilinek. Those absent were: Randy Kauk and Dave Sack. Also present were Cherri Klinginsmith, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Molly Tebo, Zoning Secretary, and members of the public including: Russell Jensen, Lonnie Dickson, John Jensen, Dan Rasmussen, and Michele Rasmussen.

The Agenda and Minutes were e-mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Ron Kulwicki and seconded by Ken Kozisek to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

At 8:07 p.m. a discussion was held regarding the update of the Howard County Comprehensive Plan. Lonnie Dickson from Hanna:Keelan provided a handout of the preliminary future land use maps for rural Howard County and the communities. Russell Jensen from the Village of Boelus was in attendance. Mr. Dickson explained that in 2010, the State Legislature mandated that all counties and municipalities (except Villages) include an energy element in their Comprehensive Plan. He discussed Net Metering which is a process whereby if a consumer uses an alternative energy source and there is "left over" the utility district is mandated to buy the extra from the consumer. Mr. Dixon asked Administrator Klinginsmith if there was anything in the zoning regulations that needs to be changed or added. Klinginsmith stated the rules and regulations are working well in the county. She based that on the fact that the Variance Board of Adjustment has met nine times in the last five years. The next meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan will be November 19, 2014.

At 9:20 p.m. the Public Hearing regarding the single lot subdivision application by Marlene K. Kosmicki was opened. This single lot subdivision of 8/62 +/- acres will be named D.R.M.R. Subdivision and is located in the Government Lot 10 and W ½ SW ¼ of Section 1-16-12. Cherri Klinginsmith read the Notice of Public Hearing. John Jensen, Attorney for Dan and Michele Rasmussen, stated that his clients want to purchase the land and put it into a wetland reserve program. Dan Rasmussen stated there would be no buildings put on the land. There was no testimony in opposition. A motion was made by Jeff Christensen and seconded by Ken Kozisek. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote 6-0. A Finding of Fact was completed (copy attached).

At 9:35 p.m., a motion was made by Ron Kulwicki and seconded by Ken Kozisek to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The next meeting will be scheduled for October 15, 2014.