

DAKOTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: November 19, 2024 MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Dakota County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Martin Rohde and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call: Present were: Scott Bousquet, Ron Collins, Tim Decker, Ron Gill, Gordon Hegge, Dick McCabe, Harold Moes and Martin Rohde. Absent: Steven Lieber. Also, present: Planning and Zoning Administrator Joe O’Neill and Dakota County Commissioner Troy Launsby. Public present: See attached list

Notice was made regarding the Open Meeting Act posted on the wall.

Moved by Tim Decker, second by Scott Bousquet to excuse absent member Steven Lieber. Consent unanimous. Motion Carried.

Moved by Harold Moes, second by Ron Gill, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Consent unanimous. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed solar regulations. Joe O’Neill presented the board with information on overlay districts that he reviewed with the Dakota County Assessor Christy Abts. They went through and discussed the changes they would like to see. The commission is looking at having a couple of public hearings early next year to get everything finalized to send to the commissioners.

Miscellaneous and old business. Tabled item regarding the 66 Conditional Use Permits from Summit Carbon Solutions will remain tabled. Zoning permits issued – no new permits issued since last meeting.

Marty opened up the floor to public comment. Commissioner Launsby asked about what the profit was for these solar companies and Ethan Frazier with Mission Energy stated it was mostly energy tax credits. Mr. Frazier also made a few suggestions on what he saw the Commission could do to clarify a few areas with the regulations. Joe O’Neill looked into bitcoin mining. From what Joe can find, there are no regulations in the state of Nebraska regarding this. There are 2 companies in Stanton that are in industrial areas so they are regulated with sound. Joe will look into it more.

Moved by Tim Decker, second by Scott Bousquet to adjourn. Consent unanimous. Motion carried

Meeting was duly adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolene Gubbels