

MINUTES OF THE KNOX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

July 9, 2024

Call to order: The July 9, 2024, meeting of the Knox County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Dean Wilken at 7:30 p.m. at the Knox County Courthouse Board of Supervisors meeting room.

Announcement of Open Meeting Act: Chairman Wilken announced where the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Roll Call: Members present: Jim Kotrous, Keith Neilsen, David Arens, Robert Ganz, Kuhlman, Neil Clausen, Dean Wilken and Robert Larsen. Also present was Zoning Administrator Kelsy Jelinek, Steve Barney representing the Bloomfield Airport Authority Absent: Doug DeShazer, Greg Kuhlman

Approve Agenda & Public Notice in the Verdigre Eagle and Knox County News.

Ganz moved, Kotrous seconded to approve the agenda and public notice which was published in the Verdigre Eagle and Knox County News. Roll call vote showed all present in favor Ayes: Jim Kotrous, Keith Neilsen, David Arens, Robert Ganz, Neil Clausen, Robert Larsen and Dean Wilken. Absent: Doug DeShazer, Greg Kuhlman

Approve the Minutes from the June 11, 2024 Meeting. Nielsen moved, Clausen seconded to approve the minutes from June 11, 2024 meeting. Roll call vote showed all present in favor Ayes: Jim Kotrous, Keith Neilsen, David Arens, Robert Ganz, Neil Clausen, Robert Larsen and Dean Wilken Absent: Doug DeShazer, Greg Kuhlman

Ex Parte Communications: Board members stated that several had been contacted regarding the topic of the proposed amendments and wind towers in general.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Bloomfield Airport Authority Runway Extension approach project introduction by Steve Barney

Steve Barney explained that \$1.5 million grant runway expansion will happen in September 2024. The Airport has plans of precision approaches, but if a wind tower is put up in the way, that would not allow their expansion. The application for the increased Airport Hazard zoning to 10 miles came as a recommendation from the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics. The expansion will not hinder anyone from putting up a bin or leg. The Bloomfield Airport does not get any federal funding. The

Planning Commission members asked questions to Steve. The runway is currently 2700 ft.

Public Comments:

Zoning Administrator's Report: The June Permit Report was reviewed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by Chairman Wilken.

Kelsy Jelinek, Zoning Administrator

Approved by Planning Commission: August 13, 2024

Placed on File with Board of Supervisors: August 21, 2024