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Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting
December 2, 2024
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024 in the Courtroom at the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by Publication in the Plaindealer (11-19-2024), upon a 1st floor bulletin board within the courthouse and on the County's Website. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the office of the County Clerk. The following Burt County Board Members were present: Gary "Bird" Swanson, Jeff Kutchera, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Sam Titus, David Schold and Ted Connealy.

The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. with the pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Connealy informed the public that the Open Meeting Act is available on the railing.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Richards. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

Burt County Zoning Regulations - Section 6.03 Wind Energy:

This meeting follows the Burt County Planning Commission's public hearing which was held on November 4, 2024.

Chairman Connealy announced that Vice-Chair Schold was going to lead the Public Hearing. Schold clarified that the hearing is for the rules and regulations of zoning section 6.03 for all wind projects, not for any one particular project.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SCHOLD OPENED A PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:02 P.M. to take public comments on Burt County Zoning Regulations, Section 6.03; those speaking were given 3 minutes to speak.

SPEAKING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT:

OPPOSITION to wind projects: (24 total) (22 Burt County residents) Laura Riecken; Jennifer Dolezal; Beth Kiner; Sandra Geary; Bernie Maslowsky; Debra Bigelow; Bill Price; Ron Daberkow; Sean Connealy; Regan Connealy; Kim Connealy; Gregg Smith; Lucille Smith; Janet Wiltse; Clare Wiltse; Kristina Dolezal; Nejka Ptak; Colby Hansen; Eric Devney; Matthew Kelly; Carol Svendsen – on behalf of brain injury awareness support group; Mark VanDerHart – ag aviation concerns around turbines (handout).
(2 - from other Counties) Doug Nelson – Wayne Co (handout); Tim Goetz – Herman, NE.

IN SUPPORT of wind projects: (5 total) (2 Burt County residents) Ron Schlichting; Clinton Peterson. (3 representatives from Wind industry) Julie Drennen -RWE representative; Hannes Zetzsd- RWE attorney; Graham Christensen - representative of 'Burt County Wind LLC'.

NEUTRAL: (1) Dustin Marvel -OPPD rep.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SCHOLD DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 8:06 P.M., and the Board went back into regular session. Schold announced that decisions will be discussed at the December 11, 2024 regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned upon motions by Titus and Pearson at 8:07 P.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

TED CONNEALY, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

