

Ellis County Joint Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2012

Members Present:

Kendall Krug
Dean Gottschalk
Galen Huser
Paul Baier
Kirk Dickinson
Dick Klaus

Members Absent:

Bill Poland
Ken Richmeier
Brandon Pfeifer
Gary Luea

Staff Present:

Dale Wing, Zoning Administrator
Carla Meier, Recording Secretary

Counsel Present:

Bill Jeter

County Administrator:

Absent

County Commissioners present:

Swede Holmgren

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The May 23, 2012 meeting of the Ellis County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Kendall Krug at 7:25 p.m. The meeting was held at the 601 Main Street meeting room.

Roll call was taken. Six members were present. There was a quorum.

Minutes: Paul Baier moved that the January 25, 2012 minutes be approved as written. Galen Huser seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Presentations: None

Public Hearing: Chairman Krug asked for a motion to open the public hearing for Conditional Use Permit No. 1208 for the Western Plains Animal Refuge Inc. Dick Klaus moved to open the

Public Hearing. Kirk Dickinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairman Krug opened the Public Hearing and asked Zoning Administrator Dale Wing to present information for the Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Wing stated the application had been completed and the Planning and Zoning Commission should carefully consider that the location of the Refuge was primarily a residential area and the proposed use as stated on the conditional use permit should be strictly adhered to. He also stated that Resolution No. R-1994-25 referencing the necessity to prohibit the ownership, possession, keeping or harboring of certain animals within Ellis County was in place. Chairman Krug asked for a motion to open the floor for public comment. Dean Gottschalk so moved. Galen Huser seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Brendon McCampbell, the applicant for the Western Plains Animal Refuge, Inc. conditional use permit, presented to the Zoning Commission and the audience present the reasons for the necessity of the animal refuge, the reasons for the location of the animal refuge, and the steps he and his co-workers would follow to adhere to the State rules and regulations to run the Animal Refuge at the Munjor location. Chairman Krug asked for audience comment. Larry Roda spoke against, Don Kopfman spoke for, Santina Dechant spoke against, Tom Dechant spoke against, Seyona Roda spoke against, Bob Yunker spoke against, John Johnson spoke for, Louise Smith spoke for, Marlowe Basgall spoke for, Tony Seib spoke against, Kim Geist spoke for, Heather Larson spoke for, Russtin Weese spoke against. Brendon McCampbell was allowed time for rebuttal. The Planning Commission then started asking questions of Mr. McCampbell. After several questions were asked by each of the Commission Members, Chairman Krug asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Kirk Dickinson so moved and Paul Baier seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Chairman Krug asked the other members if they wished to go into Executive Session to discuss the application further. It was moved by Paul Baier to go into a 15 minute Executive Session. Dean Gottschalk seconded the motion. Vote was 5-1 with Dick Klaus being the negative vote. Members went into Executive Session at 8:30. At 8:45 the members returned from the Executive Session. Kirk Dickinson moved that the regular meeting resume. Paul Baier seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairman Krug requested a vote by the commission members to deny the approval of the Conditional Use Permit 1208 for the Western Plains Animal Refuge Inc. Vote was 6-0 to deny the approval of the Permit 1208. Chairman Krug and Commission members completed the finding of fact and recommended that the County Commissioners deny the approval of the Conditional Use Permit 1208 for the Western Plains Animal Refuge Inc., application. Chairman Krug announced the protest period for the decision of the Planning Commission ends June 6, 2012.

Staff Report: Zoning Administrator stated our office had received a Conditional Use Permit application for a wind project from Brian Staab/Fort Hays State University (Hildreth, agent) for the June 27th meeting.

Old Business: Zoning Administrator stated that Mr. Sund, County Administrator, would have a full report on the Comprehensive Plan for the June meeting.

New Business: The Committee members were informed that the terms of Kendall Krug, Galen Huser and Dean Gottschalk would be expiring on June 30, 2012. Kendall said he would not reapply, Galen said he would apply and Dean said he would apply.

Other Business: None

Confirmation of next meeting date: The next meeting and Public Hearing will be held

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the 601 Main Street meeting room.

Galen Huser moved that the meeting adjourn. Paul Baier seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Carla Meier

Chairman

Date