



Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska
December 9, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in special/telephonic session on this date at 8:00 AM.. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order at 8:25 AM due to technology issues, and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider and County Attorney Joe McNally were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heinz made a motion to approve the November 25, 2020 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held on the recommendations of the Planning Commission to amend the wind tower setbacks. Pokorny made a motion to establish a 5 mile setback for a commercial wind turbine from a property line and capping the total tower height at 299 feet, for the protection of public health, habitat, waterfowl migration, the potential decrease of neighboring property values and the reduction of noise effects and shadow flicker upon neighboring properties, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to prohibit the clustering of wind turbines by prohibiting another turbine from being within 1,200 feet of another tower and then withdrew the motion. Motion failed.

Hoerle made a motion to prohibit the clustering of wind turbines by prohibiting another turbine from being within ½ mile of another turbine, Pokorny seconded. Voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to establish a 5 mile setback for a commercial wind turbine from a dwelling and capping the total tower height at 299 feet, for the protection of public health, habitat, waterfowl migration, the potential decrease of neighboring property values and the reduction of noise effects and shadow flicker upon neighboring properties, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Hoerle and Pokorny. Voting nay: Heinz.

With no other business before the board Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 am, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman