

Thomas County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2019

Thomas County Planning Commission meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. CT in the courtroom of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE.

Members present were Al Aktins, Bob Childers, Jay Jones, Mark Nutter, Bobbi Scott and Carolyn Warren. Absent were Lemoyne Dailey, Larry Haake, and Miles Maseberg.

Other's present were Keith Carl of Hanna:Keelan, Thomas County Sheriff Gary Eng, Thomas County Deputy Sheriff Joseph Smith, Twyla Witt, Merrial Rhoades, Judy Rath, Tyler Rath and via speakerphone Thomas County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

Nebraska Open Meeting Act Statement read.

Statement of publication of August 1, 2019 regular meeting and public hearing published July 18, 2019 Thomas County Herald.

Motion made by Al Atkins and second by Mark Nutter to approve the August 1, 2019 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Childers, Jones, Nutter, Scott, Warren. Nays – none. Absent – Dailey, Haake, Maseberg. Motion carried.

Statement of publication of the April 18, 2019 meeting minutes published May 2, 2019 Thomas County Herald.

Motion made by Warren and second by Childers to approve the April 18, 2019 planning commission minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 2, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Childers, Jones, Nutter, Scott, Warren. Nays – none. Absent – Dailey, Haake, Maseberg. Motion carried.

Hanna:Keelan meeting #3 with representative Keith Carl

Discussion/Action regarding Comprehensive Plan

Section 1: None

Section 2: Small clarifications discussed.

Section 3: Stable population and 8% decrease in population will be looked at and revised by Hanna:Keelan.

Section 4: Remove milk cows from description and update maps.

Section 5: Edit to "Halsey Volunteer Rural Fire District"

Section 6: None

Discussion/Action regarding Zoning Regulations

Page 20 separate and define manufacturing, commercial and/or industrial operation

Notes from previous meeting regarding wind energy regulations and special permit need to be sent to Hanna:Keelan.

County Attorney suggested regulations focus on Health and Welfare, similar to Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Verbiage regarding bonds related to decommissioning of wind and solar energy sources to be addressed by

Hanna:Keelan, Jones and County Clerk. County Attorney suggested an escalator of 3% a year.

Keith Carl of Hanna:Keelan stated "we've done our job". He is uncertain if he would be back.

Al Atkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Public comment: "You don't want to hear it"

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Nutter at 3:31 p.m. CT.