

Minutes of the Ward County Planning Commission

February 20, 2020

The meeting of the Ward County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman Kossan with Commissioners Heller, Fjeldahl, Hanson, Koop, Livingston, Pitner and Wolsky present. Also present were Planning & Zoning Administrator Doug Diedrichsen, Roza Larson, Dana Larsen and Devra Smestad.

Chairman Kossan opened the nominations for Chairman. Comm. Kossan nominated Comm. Hanson who declined, Comm. Fjeldahl nominated Comm. Koop who declined. Comm. Fjeldahl nominated Comm. Pitner, seconded by Comm. Kossan. Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Hanson for nominations to cease and cast unanimous ballot for Comm. Pitner for Chairman. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Chairman Pitner opened nominations for Vice-Chairman. Comm. Livingston nominated Comm. Koop, seconded by Comm. Kossan. Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Livingston for nominations to cease and cast unanimous ballot for Comm. Koop for Vice Chair. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wolsky, seconded by Comm. Koop, to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2019. Comm. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Comm. Fjeldahl requested the new Planning & Zoning Administrator, Doug Diedrichsen introduce himself to the Commission. Mr. Diedrichsen introduced himself to the Commission and County Highway Engineer, Dana Larsen informed the Commission of Mr. Diedrichsen's qualification and experience he is bringing to the County.

William Gagnon: Application for a Plat for the following described property: Proposed Outlot 1, Lying in SE4 SE4, Sec 10-151-85

The plat application is for a 12.38 acre parcel for future residential/agricultural use. As of the date of the meeting no comment has been received from Cameron Township. The Ward County Water Resource Board returned the plat without objection, and with the usual recommendation.

Moved by Comm. Wolsky, seconded by Comm. Hanson to approve the plat application for William Gagnon base on staff recommendations and finding of fact. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

April Beck: Application for a Plat for the following described property: Proposed Outlot 6, Lying in NW4SW4, Sec 10-154-85

The plat application is for a 10.00 acre parcel for residential use. Rolling Green Township has responded without any objections. The Ward County Water Resource Board returned the plat without objection, and with the usual recommendation.

Moved by Comm. Hanson, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to approve the plat application for April Beck based on staff recommendations and finding of fact. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Diedrichsen gave an update regarding the County Ordinance rewrites. He stated there is \$20,000 remaining in budget according to the estimate in the proposal when the Ordinance rewrites were started and they are on track and in budget. He continued that the timeline has shifted back a

bit due to the Administrator position begin vacant for a few months. There should be more at the next meeting for staff to review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pitner at 7:18 p.m.

Chairperson, Ward County Planning Commission

Attest:

Ward County Auditor, Secretary