

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Ward County Planning Commission

February 4, 2021

The Special meeting of the Ward County Planning Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Koop with Commissioners Evan, Fjeldahl, Hanson, Heller, Livingston, Podrygula and Schumaker present. Also present were Planning & Zoning Administrator Doug Diedrichsen, Roza Larson, Comm. Pietsch and Secretary Tiffany Grosche.

The Commission began with reviewing the Development Plan Review Matrix. The Commission requested the Emergency Management Director and Weed Control Director also review the matrix. The Commission also requested Mr. Diedrichsen make sure all state regulations are followed and ND Century Codes are added, if required in the County Ordinances.

The Commission moved the discussion to Setback requirements. They discussed if they should be standardized and the minimum required setback be based on the class of roadway.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Livingston to approve a minimum setback of 125 feet from the center of the road for all classes of roads under the County Zoning jurisdiction. Roll call; Commissioners Livingston, Heller, Podrygula and Fjeldahl voted yes; Commissioners Hanson, Schumaker, Evans and Koop voted no; motion failed.

The discussion continued.

Moved by Comm. Evans, seconded by Comm. Hanson to reconsider the original motion.

Roll call on original motion; Commissioners Livingston, Heller, Podrygula, Evans and Fjeldahl voted yes; Commissioners Hanson, Schumaker, and Koop voted no; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hanson, seconded by Comm. Heller to approve a ten-foot front and side setback for residential lots where roadway setbacks do not apply. This excludes Rice Lake Recreational District. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Diedrichsen moved the discussion to dimensional standards of the various proposed zoning districts. There was a detailed discussion was held.

Moved by Comm. Evans, seconded by Comm. Heller to approve a 5-acre minimum with a minimum width of 100 feet for lots in Agricultural Production districts. Roll call; Commissioners Schumaker, Evans, Heller, Podrygula and Koop voted yes; Commissioners Livingston, Hanson and Fjeldahl voted no; motion carried.

Mr. Diedrichsen requested the Commission to review and bring back to the next meeting their recommendations for dimensional standards for the other proposed zoning districts. Further discussion will be held regarding this at future meetings.

Moved by Comm. Evans, seconded by Comm. Heller to approve beginning the regular meeting on February 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM. All voted aye; motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Chairperson, Ward County Planning Commission

Attest:

Ward County Auditor, Secretary