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Agenda for the meeting of Grant County Planning Commission

Meeting Date: **Monday, November 5, 2018** Meeting Time: 5:30 P.M.  
Court House Basement

**Members present:** Tom Adler Tom Pillatzki Nancy Johnson Bob Spartz Mark Leddy Richard Hansen Mike Mach

**Alternates present:**

**Members absent:**

**Others present:** Todd Kays-Staff, Don Weber, Jeff McCulloch, Miles Schumacher, Marty Buttke, Kristi Mogen, Judy Hunt, Mark Mauersberger, Tim Gapp, Deb Hammer, Jim Nichols, Bobi Bohlen, Darci Adam, Grace Adam, Tim Lindgren, Geo Holborn, Dave Wagner, Ronald Capp, Brittany Bruce, Al Robish, Dan Sorenson, Diane Knutson, Richard Knutson, Julie Anderson, Brenna Gunderson, Brad Stevens, Michael Miller, Bob Tuttle, Diana Bren, Corrine McCulloch, Linda Lindgren, Amber Christenson, Tereesa Kaaz, Garry Ehlebracht, Loretta Kranze, Steve Greber, Mary Greber, Wayne Borgheiinck, Kevin Krakow, Erek Holmquist, Joelle Hicks, Larry Hayworth, Shirley Robish, Gilda Haywaorth, Amy Tuttle, Jon Henslin, Nancy Henslin, Amy Rall, Ruby Holborn, Lori Sumner, Brett Sumner, Karen Kasperson

1. **Call Meeting of the Planning Commission to Order** by Chair Johnson at 5:34. PM
2. Wind Energy Ordinance Public Forum- Turned over to Todd Kays to give an overview and history via a power point presentation. 180 minute forum for public comment. Any personal attacks will receive verbal warning to sit and second time escorted out. Called for sign in forms to be collected at 5:42 pm which allowed by calculation 9 minutes for each speaker who had indicated an address to the Planning Commission.

Linda Lindgren- South Shore- purpose was 2 mile setback but feels ordinance is vague and wants to know what happens if it doesn't work who would be accountable, cost preparedness.

Amber Christiansen- Strandburg- gave a list of her personal concerns she felt had not been addressed.

Teresa Kaaz- South Shore- Examples of people she has talked to and conflicts of self interests.

Garry Ehlebracht- Goodwin- shadow flicker and neighbors

Wayne Borgheiinck- Waverly- military battlefield rules, long range issues, tour disappointment.

Al Robish- Strandburg- Safety to highway, Vince Meyer wants to know if they are new turbines.

Brenna Gunderson- Lake Elmo- financial assurances- bankruptcy.

Kristi Mogen- Twin Brooks- giving up local control to PUC, Hessler book, podcast for prevailing winds, road haul agreement, ordinance and whole deal is rubbish, lose homes, trespassing, science or wind telling, wants 2 mile waiver, ANSI guidelines, WHO for 40 dBa

Mark Mauersberger- St Michael- Have a local office, reviewed sound and shadow and belongs in state jurisdiction, new turbines, Hessler preferred 40 but 45 dBa was fair, 30 hours flicker would be in a glass house.

Tim Gapp- Summit- Supports wind and rules, 1 study will tell you what another study contradicts, all energy has hazards, use common sense for economic value.

Jim Nichols- Lake Benton- Not a paid advertiser, best economic advantage, decommission costs but keeps electricity cheap, losing population with no jobs this brings good jobs, sometimes sees a flash on his wall.

Darcy Adam- Clark- "at least" for a setback and can make larger, do setbacks without a rewrite of ordinance

Tim Lindgren- South Shore- Decommissions will have nowhere for blades to go, \$5000 annually will not be enough, increase setbacks to eliminate them coming in.

George Holborn- Sioux Falls-2 years on P&Z board, sleep deprivation, small acreages this is a problem, PUC testimony, expert names.

Ronald Capp- Pipestone- What is the flicker if the tower is different, what is the risk, red light worse than other.

Joelie Hicks- Twin Brooks- have contract they regret, change the ordinance to protect them, they can put things anywhere on her quarter.

Larry Hayworth- Summit- support current ordinance, need money so girls/boys teams can each have jerseys instead of trading.

Karen Kasperson- Watertown- want affordable power, credit from NW public service credits, windmills of the past, life revolves around the economics.

Kays acknowledges there is time left after everyone who had signed up to address the board had spoken. Time was given to those that were cut off on the time.

Jim Nichols- was given more time to complete his thoughts- 24 years ago he took a cornfield and gave himself the perfect job, decommissioned in his area and ground up blades to remanufacture, they have bonded contracts with Next Era.

George Holborn- was given more time to complete his thoughts- population in the state with or without the turbines, dBA in Connecticut is 35, ambience is only so low.

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Kays asked for direction and gave the procedures available.

Board recommends:

1. Creating a document of the work with formatting and lay out a schedule of process for next meeting.
2. Keep the road agreements
3. Have everything reviewed and decide if anything needs to change.

Spartz and Pillatzki report they would like to have a further review. Leddy states there isn't anything new here and we gave thought and did a thorough search throughout the process since March.

Kays states this work session will not be at the regular meeting as there is already business before the board at that time and a date would be determined on the regular meeting date of November 13, 2018.

Adjourn as the Grant County Planning Commission Motion by Mach second by Leddy carries.

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