MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday February 27, 2020

The Planning Advisory Commission convened in regular session on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at the Pope County Courthouse Commissioners Board Room.

Members Present: Ronald Feigum, Mark Halls, John Messenger and Brian Jergenson

Other Officials Present: David Green (Land & Resource Management Director) and Shelley Cameron (Sr. Administrative Associate)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jergenson at 6:15 p.m.

The following items were addressed by the chair:

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda
There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Review Minutes of February 4, 2020
The minutes of the Planning Advisory Commission meeting held on Tuesday February 4, 2020 were submitted for approval. Motion by Halls to accept the minutes as written. Messenger seconded. Motion carried.

CUP-Sam Falk with Novel Energy on behalf of Darryl Stavem

Chairman Jergenson introduces the item. Applicant is not present. Director Green presents staff report with a recommendation to approve the application with conditions. Chairman Jergenson opens the public meeting and asks "is there anyone speaking for this?" None noted. Chairman Jergenson asks "is there anyone speaking against this?" Gordy Moeller states "I own the property near the proposed site. This is a very long solar panel and my question would be why does the location of the panels need to be closer to my property than the Stavem property? We built when it was CRP land and for the view. We are not against solar power but can the shape possibly be changed or possibly moved closer to the Stavem property? I would ask if the Board would consider to table the approval until these questions can be answered. I am not exactly sure of the slope so it is possible that I may not actually see them with the proposed placement. I am also concerned with my property values. Again, I am all for solar power but I would like to see more thought and consideration before your approve." Chairman Jergenson closes the public hearing. There is discussion by the Board on the location and comments made by the public. Chairman Jergenson seeks a motion. Feigum states "I move to table the action on this CUP request until the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow the applicant with Novel Energy to

be present to give us some clarity on the concerns that were brought up here tonight." Messenger seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

CUP-Sam Falk with Novel Energy on behalf of Robert & Valerie Bast

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CUP-Sam Falk with Novel Energy on behalf of David & Kathleen Terpstra

Chairman Jergenson introduces the item. Applicants David & Kathleen Terpstra are present. Director Green presents staff report with a recommendation to approve the application with conditions. Chairman Jergenson asks for any additional comments from the applicants. Applicants have no comments. Chairman Jergenson opens the public meeting and asks "is there anyone speaking for this?" None noted. Chairman Jergenson asks "is there anyone speaking against this?" None noted. Chairman Jergenson closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Chairman Jergenson seeks a motion. Halls states "based upon the Findings of Fact as presented in the staff report and as gathered this evening, I move to offer a recommendation of approval of the Conditional Use Permit provided that the conditions as identified in the staff report are complied with." Messenger seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Tabled/Old Business
There was no old or tabled business.

Adjournment 7:01 p.m. Motion by Feigum to adjourn the Planning Advisory Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Messenger. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Cameron

Shelley Cameron/Sr. Administrative Associate
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