

SALINE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING MEETING

The Saline County Planning & Zoning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 19, 2024 by Chairman John Barta. He stated that the Open Meeting Act applied to this meeting and the Act is posted on the East wall of the Assembly Room of the Saline County Courthouse in Wilber, Nebraska. Chairman Barta asked Lyle Weber, Planning & Zoning Administrator to call the roll: Present were Dave Hermsmeier, Gerald Brown, Joel Weber, Ron Fink, Mark Due, John Barta and Keith Muller. Absent were Mary Jo Weber and Troy Steuer. Marvin Kohout was present and representing the commissioners at this meeting.

Approval of the Agenda for this meeting was moved by J Weber and seconded by Brown. Voting in affirmative on Approval of the Agenda were Hermsmeier, Brown, J Weber, Fink, Due, Barta and Muller.

Minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting were moved for approval without reading. Motion to approve without reading made by Brown, and seconded by Fink. Roll call vote: Muller, Barta, Due, Fink, J Weber, Brown and Hermsmeier. Minutes approved and submitted to be filed.

Citizens Forum Chairman Barta asked if anyone present wanted to speak at this time. Diane Hand, Western, as Trustee of the Western Town Board requested on behalf of the Town Board that the setback for the pipeline be set at 1 mile. Citizens Forum closed without any other speakers at 7:05 p.m.

Business for action

Agenda Item 1: Discuss/approve minor sub-division application for N ½ of NE ¼ 20-8-4 (Stejskal). Dave Stejskal present to present and answer questions. Selling off approximately 6.5 +/- acres near 2100 & D Road North of Crete. Discussion between members present. Motion to approve by Due, second by J Weber. Roll call vote in affirmative: Fink, Hermsmeier, Muller, Due, J Weber, Brown and Barta. Motion Carried 7-0.

Agenda Item 2: Kay Kottas, Western, listed a couple items on resolution passed out at February meeting. Historical structures need setbacks. Pipeline routes can change due to dynamics and affected land owners should be notified. Define if setback from property line or housing. Nothing listed about evacuation routes, usually one way out of a property, as pipelines run perpendicular to roadway, property owners need a second way out. Setbacks from water sources. No feasibility studies to show this is the best option. Regulations for any pipeline company that may purchase existing pipelines in the future. Appropriate setbacks for safety.

Lyle Weber stated that Stanton County CUP passed by P&Z, but denied by commissioners.

Discussion but no action on Agenda Item 2.

Agenda Item 3: Discuss/approve CO2 pipeline regulations to go to public hearing.

Discussion by board included Barta and J Weber stating that there is a lot of information to read and not ready to go to a vote at this time. Brown stated that an indemnification clause needs to be included in the proposal. Brown said setback of 1000 feet from towns and cities. Other items discussed was minimum setback from dwelling not property line, training of first responders annually as squads change personnel, and pipeline company be required to provide protective gear in case of a pipeline leak.

Discussion by no action on Agenda Item 3.

Commissioners Report Commissioner Kohout informed the board that the state had completed their audit of the county offices. Several recommendations but the final report not yet delivered to commissioners. County roads crews busy with culvert replacements, but the cost of culverts has increased to add expenses, and are also taking down trees along roadways. Bill was paid for recall election.

Adjournment Motion made by J Weber, second by Due, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., carried on a voice vote, with no opposition.

Respectfully Submitted, Keith Muller, Secretary