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MINUTES – MAY 13, 2010

Present: Eldred Knutson, Bob Eggert, John Froelich, Cindy Schwehr, Bill McKay, John Behm, Vernon Roorda, Ken Evenson, Lee Grossman, Greg Hager, Edward R. McGough
Also present: Donald Jorissen, Scott Scovill, Courtney Chais, Curt Marshall, Chris Mogler, Terry Metzger, Jim Jung

Chairman Eldred Knutson opened the meeting.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Eggert, to approve the minutes of April 8 as presented. Motion carried.

Knutson recessed the meeting and opened a variance hearing on allowing an auditor's lot of less than the required 5 acres for Donald Jorissen. With no one speaking for or against the variance, Knutson closed the hearing and reconvened the meeting.

Behm made a motion, seconded by Evenson, to approve the auditor's lot on the 3.21 acre property, less than the 5 acres as required by code. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," except Froelich, who voted "no," motion carried.

Knutson then recessed the meeting and opened a hearing for a height variance for NextEra Energy, concerning 43 wind towers of 50 to 70 megawatts. Scott Scovill, NextEra Energy director, addressed the board concerning the towers.

Knutson then closed the hearing and reconvened the meeting. Froelich made a motion, seconded by Eggert, to approve the height variance for the wind towers as presented. Motion carried.

Jim Jung of KLJ met with the Board to discuss auditor's lots codes and the 5-acre minimum for building. Jung informed the Board that KLJ will refer their clients needing more information about the regulations to the zoning coordinator.

It was the consensus of the Board that area engineering firms should be sent a letter by the States Attorney's office to inform them of the 5-acre limit, and pass the information on to their clients as well.

The following building permits were issued:

- Shawn Anderson – Permit #610, issued 4.13.2010 – Edna, NE ¼ 36-142-60 (new home on 5 acres in ¼ section)
- Rebecca James – Permit #710, issued 4.19.2010 – 113 Lee's Subdivision, Rogers (15x16' sunroom addition)
- Gregory Hager – Permit #810, issued 5.4.2010 – Green, 28-139-59, W 736' of NE ¼ (20x30' garage)
- Scott Cummings – Permit #910, issued 5.7.2010 – Marsh, 13-139-58 NW ¼ (80x160' shop and a 30x12' office)
- Zion Free Lutheran Church – Permit #1010, issued 5.11.2010 – Green, SE ¼ of 36-137-61 (48x28' addition)

The following auditor's lot was approved:

- Cheryl & Daniel Trapp – Greenland, SE ¼ of 36-137-61 (sale of 37.02 acres)

A non-compliance issue with Gavilon Grain was discussed.

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to fine Gavilon Grain, dba Peavey, \$200.00 per day, retroactive to April 20, 2010, for non-compliance with Barnes County Development Code, for failing to apply for and receive a building permit for a structure. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Edward R. McGough, Secretary
Barnes County Planning & Zoning Board