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Minutes – October 20, 2016

Members Present: Vern Roorda, Mike Schwehr, DeLyle Mortenson, John Froelich, Dave Carlsrud
Also Present: Carl Martineck, Jessica Jenrich, Steve Winter, Bill Noeske, Diane Fritchie, Becky Humble, LeRoy Triebold, James Schroeder, Matt Boys, Jamie Middel, Cindy Schwehr, Wade Hannig, Phyllis Otterness, Sue Hannig, Jim Hannig, Alex Jorgensen, Sonja Jorgensen, Randy Jorgensen, Chery Chase, Ralph Chase, Shawn Wittenberg, Alex Wittenberg, Mike Metcalf, Dick Grotberg

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Schwehr

Meeting was recessed for the Glacier Ridge Wind Farm, LLC hearing for a CUP for Wind Turbines, a Variance for 493 to tip height, a Variance for setback of 1.25 times tip height from public roads, and a Variance of turbine blade length from section lines. Matt Boys was here from RES Americas to explain about the project and also what they are asking as far as the Variances and CUP. There were many land owners from in and around the project area in attendance. Wade Hannig: concerned with the towers effecting the land owners values, James Schroeder: concerned with the noise of the wind turbines, he thinks the road setback should stay the same or further, also he is concerned with shadow flicker, Jamie Middel: part of the wind farm group, wondering how board would respond to the land owners who put time and money into the project if they were to speak about how they felt, Bill Noeske: part of the wind farm group, doesn't believe any of the towers are 1400 feet, he believes most of them are quite a bit further from residences then that, he stated that there is 90 land owners that are in favor and a part of the project, LeRoy Triebold: concerned with property taxes, he believes we need information in writing regarding sound levels and taxes. Matt Boys came back up to comment on some of the concerns that were brought up, the sound is not to exceed 50 decibas at 1400 feet which is set by the PSC, also shadow flicker is set at 30 hours or less by the PSC and with the current layout 4 houses that exceed 30 hours, 3 of which are participating. The project will bring in 100s of temporary jobs and when project is done there will be 5-8 full time jobs paying between \$60,000-\$80,000 a year. There was a question into how much has been invested into this project since the start and they said millions in research and millions by land owners involved in the project. There was also talk about different studies that were done regarding sound, shadow flicker and ice throw.

Chrman Schwehr reopened the meeting.

Motion by Froelich, 2nd by Mortenson to approve the CUP subject to providing more information on the studies that were done. Roll call vote with all voting yes.

Motion by Froelich, 2nd by Roorda to approve the Variance for 493 feet to tip height. Roll call vote with all voting yes.

Motion by Froelich, 2nd by Mortenson to approve 1.25 times tip height from public roads. Roll call vote with all voting yes.

Motion by Mortenson, 2nd by Roorda to approve setback from section lines with condition that the foundation of the towers need to be 200 feet from the section lines. Roll call vote with all voting yes.

Motion by Froelich, seconded by Roorda, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Jessica Jenrich, P&Z Administrator