

A meeting of the Jasper County Plan Commission was held Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:15 pm. at the Annex Meeting Room at 910S. Sparling Avenue, Rensselaer, Indiana. Members present: Dave Webb, Steve Jordan, Kent Korniak, Todd Peterson, Justin Rodibaugh, Vince Urbano, Summer Brown and Scott Bachert. Also present: William T. Sammons, Law Offices of William T. Sammons P.C., Mary Scheurich, Director of Planning and Development and Kelli Standish, Secretary. Absent was: Jim Walstra and Lana Olson.

Meeting was called to order by Board President Kent Korniak. The first order of business was the call for approval of the September 2023 minutes.

Vince Urbano made the motion to approve the September 2023 minutes. Motion was seconded by Dave Webb and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2024

Motion was made by Dave Webb and seconded by Todd Peterson to retain the same officers from the previous year. Motion carried unanimously.

Officers for 2024 are as follows:

President ----- Kent Korniak
Vice President ----- Vince Urbano
Secretary ----- Justin Rodibaugh

Rezone Cause#PC-1-24

Applicant: Martin & Linda Park
Landowner: George & Joan Kanne
Location: Sec.4-29-7 – Newton Twp. – 100S. E. of 1000W. S-side
Use: Rezone A1 to A2

Public hearing held pursuant to notice published February 8, 2024 in the Rensselaer Republican, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Jasper County, Indiana; also pursuant to notice to adjacent landowners. All as shown by the affidavit of Janet Echlin, Clerk of the Rensselaer Republican.

Mary Scheurich stated that the applicants could not be at this meeting tonight. They were scheduled for the January 22, 2024 meeting but that meeting was cancelled due to the weather. She explained to the board that they are requesting to rezone 2.75 acres out of a 50 acre parcel from A1 to A2.

Kent Korniak asked Attorney Todd Sammons if we can hear an application without the applicant being present.

Attorney Sammons replied that he is not sure if it is in our rules that they can act on an application without them being present. They would not be here to answer any questions.

Kelli Standish stated that they can reach him by phone if there are any questions.

Kent Korniak asked if anyone present had any opposition to the application. There was none.

Martin Park (by phone) stated that he and his wife would like to purchase 2.75 acres from his in-laws to construct a home and possibly a pole barn.

Dave Webb made the motion to recommend approval of the rezoning from A1 to A2 to the Board of County Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Steve Jordan and carried unanimously.

Rezone	Cause#PC-3-24
Subdivision	Cause#PC-4-24

Applicant: Clifford Robinson and Austin Rush
Location: Sec.17-28-6 – Marion Twp. – 900S. W. of 380W. S-side
Use: Rezone A1 to A2 and Primary Approval for a 2-lot sub'd.

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Kent Korniak stated since there is a rezone and subdivision application request tonight they will act on the Rezone first and then hear the subdivision application.

Kevin Sayers with Turning Point Surveying was present and is representing the applicants. The applicants are requesting to rezone 20 acres from A1 to A2 and they are asking for Primary approval for a 2-lot subdivision tonight as well. When he surveyed the property they did not meet the A1 requirements of 10 acres and 400ft. of frontage therefore a zone change is required.

Kent Korniak asked if anyone present had any opposition to the application. There was none.

Duane Nagel was present and stated that he couldn't really hear what was being said about the application, but wanted to confirm that it was only going to be a 2-lot subdivision.

Dave Webb made the motion to recommend approval of the rezoning from A1 to A2 to the Board of County Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Vince Urbano and carried unanimously.

Kent Korniak asked Kevin Sayers if there was anymore he wanted to say for the Primary Approval of the 2-lot subdivision.

Kevin Sayers stated that each lot will have 330 feet of frontage and will be 9.7 acres. The property is mostly wooded.

Kent Korniak asked if anyone present had any opposition to the application. There was none.

Steve Jordan made the motion to grant primary approval for the proposed 2-lot subdivision subject to the rezoning being approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Dave Webb and carried unanimously.

Kent Korniak stated that the board members need to go over the Findings of Facts in Article 9, Subdivision of Land (Primary Approval) 20.90.150 (7)(b)(i) through (iv) before a final decision can be made. He then read the factors.

(i). The subdivision of land is consistent with the Jasper county Comprehensive Plan.

(ii). The subdivision of land satisfies the development requirements of Chapter 20.60 JCC, Subdivision Standards.

(iii). The subdivision of land satisfies the standards of Chapter 20.70 JCC, Design Standards.

(iv). The subdivision of land satisfies any other applicable provisions of the Unified Development Code.

The Board members were all in favor of the Findings of Facts and voted on each one individually.

Subdivision

Cause#PC-5-24

Applicant: D2 Properties, LLC

Location: Sec.32-32-6 – Wheatfield Twp. – St.Rd. 10 W. of 400W. S-side

Use: Primary Approval for a 2-lot Subdivision

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Kevin Sayers with Turning Point Surveying was present and is representing the applicants. The applicant owns 3 acres with an existing building that is used for business since the property is zoned GC (General Commercial). They are proposing to split the property into 2 lots. The proposed lot 1 will have 1.887 acres with the existing building and the proposed lot 2 will have 1 acre and is vacant. There is an existing driveway there and the proposed lot 2 will share that driveway with the proposed lot 1. There will not be another driveway put in.

Kent Korniak asked if anyone present had any opposition to the application.

Judy Caban was present and stated that she lives behind the proposed application

in Valley View Subdivision. She is concerned if they get rid of the woods that is between her property and the proposed application. She considers this a noise buffer between her and St.Rd. 10. Will they be able to build a residence there?

Kevin Sayers replied that he does not know if the applicant would remove the trees. If they were to build a residence they would have to apply for a Special Exception since the property is zoned GC and residence are only allowed in that zoning by a Special Exception.

Justin Rodibaugh asked if they can put any type of business on the proposed lot.

Mary Scheurich replied that if they do obtain approval and if the proposed use is a permitted use in that zoning district they do not have to come before the board for any approvals.

Vince Urbano asked if there will be an agreement between the two lot owners regarding them sharing the same driveway.

Kevin Sayers replied affirmatively, that is what they usually do with this type of situation.

Dave Webb made the motion to grant primary approval for the 2-lot subdivision. Motion was seconded by Vince Urbano and carried unanimously.

Kent Korniak stated that the board members need to go over the Findings of Facts in Article 9, Subdivision of Land (Primary Approval) 20.90.150 (7)(b)(i) through (iv) before a final decision can be made. He then read the factors.

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The Board members were all in favor of the Findings of Facts and voted on each one individually.

Rezone Overlay

Cause#PC-2-24

Applicant: Carpenter Wind Farm LLC

Location: Carpenter Twp. & 1 mile in Jordan Twp.

Use: Wind Farm

Public hearing held pursuant to notice published February 15, 2024 in the Rensselaer Republican, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Jasper County,

Indiana; also pursuant to notice to adjacent landowners. All as shown by the affidavit of Janet Echlin, Clerk of the Rensselaer Republican.

Hannah Schanzer stated that she is the project manager for Carpenter Wind. They are proposing a wind farm in the Southern part of Jasper County, that will be developed by EDP Renewables North America. EDP Renewables is the most experienced developer of Wind Energy in this state. We own and operate 9 operational wind farms in Indiana and we have also developed and operate two additional wind farms that are owned by NIPSCO. The proposed wind farm will consist of 45 turbines and generate approximately 200 megawatts of clean electricity enough to power about 53,000 homes. The electricity created through this project will be purchased by NIPSCO through a power purchase agreement. In 2019 the Jasper County Plan Commission and the Jasper County Commissioners decided that the only part of Jasper County that would be eligible for wind farm development would be South of County Road 1200S., which includes Carpenter Twp. and 1 mile of Jordan Twp. Over the last 5 years they have been meeting with landowners in this project area. There are 80 landowners that have decided to participate in the project by signing up more than 20,000 acres of land. Despite the scale of this project the infrastructure will only take up 1% of this land. Now that we have the needed land for this project we are applying for a rezoning map amendment or rezoning to allow a wind farm overlay district. This is not an application to site any turbines. This allows an application to be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals at a later date. Over the life time of the project it is estimated that Carpenter Wind Farm will generate approximately 70 million dollars in payments to the landowners. Carpenter Wind Farm will bring substantial economic benefits to the entire Jasper County Community extending beyond the participating landowners. Carpenter Wind Farms represents 365 million dollars of capital investments in Jasper County. Carpenter Wind farm is projected to contribute approximately 32 million dollars to Jasper County's tax base over the lifetime of the project. Bringing new economic growth opportunities and supporting critical public services. Specifically around 18.7 million dollars over half of the total of 32 million will go directly to local schools, most to Tri-County Community and some to Rensselaer Central High School. Furthermore; Carpenter Wind Farm, has entered into an economic agreement with the Jasper County Commissioners. Under that agreement Carpenter Wind will contribute 6.6 million dollars of discretionary funds to Jasper County beginning 2026 providing the county the opportunity to invest in creative solutions to community challenges. Additionally Carpenter Wind Farm has signed a contributions agreement with the Town of Remington, under which we will contribute 1.6 million dollars over the next 10 years. The majority of these funds will be allocated to the parks for improvements enhancing recreational opportunity and quality for life for the families in Remington. Also Carpenter Wind farm has entered into a road use agreement with the Jasper County Commissioners before construction they will stabilize all roads used to transport turbine component parts with 11 inches of cement, similar to what was done in White County. After construction we will pay Jasper County to repave the maximum of 40 miles of road with asphalt. The total investment in roads is expected to be more than 25 million dollars. This road use agreement will provide substantial funds for Jasper County to make road improvements well beyond the impact of construction that will benefit the community for years to come. The construction fee's alone will bring 150 to 200 construction workers on site boosting spending at local business, including hotels, RV parks, restaurants, grocery stores and gas stations. These construction jobs

will pay prevailing wage beyond that, ongoing operation and maintenance of the wind farm will continue to provide employment opportunity and stimulate economic activity for years to come. We plan to build a new operations and maintenance building in Carpenter Twp that will service Carpenter Wind Farm as well as a couple of our operating wind farms in White County. This building will bring long term employment to the area with 22 to 27 people working out of the building on a daily basis.

Attorney Todd Sammons stated that he wanted to go over how the process for an Overlay works. Jasper County Amended its Zoning Code in 2012, when the code was adopted there were already provisions for two overlay districts. Those being the airport capability and the wellhead overlay district. An overlay district essentially creates another level or process for zoning for special types of projects that we do not normally see. In 2019 the text was amended to provide for a wind farm overlay district. The maps were not amended at the time they amended the Zoning Code. The new amended zoning code provided a no wind turbine district North of 1200S. The base zoning requirements do not change while we call this a rezoning it is really adding a level of zoning. This board hears this application for the overlay district like it does for a rezone and make their determination, the board has to pay reasonable regard to the following, 1) Jasper County Comprehensive Plan, 2) the current conditions and character of current structures and uses in each district 3) the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted 4) The conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction 5) Responsible development growth. Like all other rezones this board will make a recommendation of either a favorable, unfavorable or no recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners since they have the final decision regarding the request.

Steve Jordan asked if the area's that are marked wetlands, does that come into play on allowing wind turbines on those areas?

Vince Urbano replied that you would not be able to do anything with the wetlands.

Kent Korniak stated that he is looking at a proposed map from the applicant and wanted to know if the properties in orange is where the overlay is being asked to be applied or is it the entire border that is yellow?

Hannah Schanzer replied that the parcels that are in orange are the only properties that signed a lease option agreement. Those are the only properties that they are requesting the zoning overlays on.

Steve Jordan asked where Remington is with the Wind Turbines and do they have to create an overlay?

Attorney Sammons replied that he is unfamiliar with their Ordinance.

Hannah Schanzer presented a copy of the Remington Wind Ordinance. In August of 2023 they did adopt a wind ordinance and as part of their wind ordinance that included a map that basically establishes an overlay district.

Kent Korniak asked if anyone present had any opposition to the application.

Karen Brewer was present and stated that she lives at 10692W. 850S., Brook. I do live in Jasper County. She has looked over the agreement that has been signed by the Board of County Commissioners and had a question on page 3 and has contacted one of the Commissioners that signed the agreement. It talks about installing infrastructure on drains that the county regulates and she is not certain that they haven't stepped over onto some nonparticipating landowners when they signed this because it says they would be able to encroach within the county's 75ft of right-of-way. She does not see how that would be fair to the landowners that haven't signed. She just asks the board members to represent them. She also hopes you slow this application down and make sure it gets done right.

Vince Urbano replied that Karen Brewer is correct in that the road use agreement is very vague. The Highway superintendent could not be here tonight but they have had lengthy conversations about this and feel there are some issues with the road use agreement. It is his recommendation as an elected official of all you guys that we establish task force together with one of our Commissioners, our planning director, our highway superintendent, our surveyor, possibly a sheriff representative and anyone else that can help us review everything to do with this project.

Paul King was present along with his wife Tammy and stated that they live at 14268S. 380W. They already get the flicker in their front window from the turbines that are in White County. He is concerned if their taxes will go up. There are so many unanswered questions that need to be answered. He is not in favor of the Wind Farm. He feels they are not telling us everything. What is the ground water going to be like? Will they be traveling 380W with the proposed project? He feels this will harm the entire community.

Dotty Warrick was present and stated that she lives at 4857W. 400S., Morocco, In. She has done some research and in Tippecanoe County they have banned the large wind turbine over 140ft. In Vermillion County they have a 2 mile set-back and she believes Jasper County has a 2400ft set-back. Also in Vermillion County they have a provision if someone lives by a Turbine they can't sell their house, the company has to give them market value, they have to reimburse the different. She feels that Jasper County needs to make their set-backs further back than what they are. She has been by a wind turbine and they are noisy. The flicker and blinking lights can cause some issues.

Doug Burton was present and stated that he lives at 3419 Rachel Lane. The people that have received information regarding this application are not the only people that should be receiving it. Wind and Solar projects in general are only feasible because there is an investment tax credit and renewable credits that are funded by tax dollars. By allowing this and other projects in our county we are enabling them to waste our money.

Michelle Hoffman was present and stated that she lives at 14225N. 200W. She feels a lot of people would say this is a great county, it is safe, a place we are proud of and where we want to see our future generations call home. The proposed project does not fit with what we believe is the ideal growth or that makes this county a safe place.

Our previous administration for our Commissioners maliciously puts together this whole package and now expect all of the other boards to follow as if you guys were not capable of deciding what is right or wrong with this county. She has found 9 participating lots with leases that do not meet the JCC that states the minimum lot area for the overlay district shall be 10 acres. Our ordinances are in place to protect the community and they should not be bent. How can you trust a company that has bent an Ordinance that is this simple? She is concerned that they will try to bend our other Ordinances. The Jasper County Airport Authority is worried about having encroachment on the negational airspace and so is she. This county relies on the lifeline helicopters that have had to land in fields. With this overlay there will be a potential of up to 43 square miles that a lifeline might have to reroute or not be able to land. It took the company 5 years to pry people to sign the leases. In the article 15 under the miscellaneous, Section 1 states "County may terminate this agreement at any time following MLWF8 (this was there second name and now onto their third name) failure to commence construction of the project within 12 months of the date of this agreement first above written." It has now been 15 months 5 days and construction still has not commenced. It is time to do the right thing and throw this out. Just because the Counties that are south and east of us have the wind farm, this does not mean it is right for our county. She asks you to represent us all not just those that are in favor. Deny the overlay so we can terminate this agreement.

Barbara Neihouser was present and stated that she lives 4946E. St.Rd. 14 Francesville. She has some information from White County and the language they have for the decommissioning is that it is only for the blades and engine. She is concerned with what our decommission language states. Is there a bond, what kind and how much? She is concerned about the recycling and does not want a landfill in Jasper County. All the parts will eventually wear out and is concerned with where they will go.

Heather Vandemark was present and stated that she lives at 1615E. McCoysburg Rd. She also stated that she is concerned with the decommissioning. She attended a session in White County last week and she learned that there is no best practice for decommissioning these projects and the waste they create so quickly. She is concerned that the original agreements from the previous Commissioners approved are not sufficient enough to protect the county and it's residents. With everything that has been said so far, she is requesting that the Plan Commission please represent the people of Jasper County, write a letter of recommendation to the current Commissioners to renegotiate the road use agreement and the decommissioning agreement.

Fred Lanoue was present and stated that he lives at 5025W. 1300S. He is concerned about the noise. The proposed project is not for the small people, this only benefits the large people.

Steve Molenaar was present and stated that he lives at 304N 420W. When the Commissioners adopted the ordinance in 2019 and it states they can not go any further North of 1200S, he feels a lawsuit has been left to open up. For the people that live North of 1200S will have to look at them and then will want to get paid for having them on their property. He is concerned that Jasper County will have wind turbines all the way to the Kankakee River.

Barry Haskins was present and stated that he lives in White County. He is here on behalf of his mother-in-law Phyllis Bushman and she request that you give favorable consideration to granting the zoning Amendment and making a recommendation of approval to the Commissioners. In 2009 the residence in White County were anxious and apprehensive, the terminology of wind farms, renewable energy and turbines were new to the vocabulary.

Steve Hageman was present and stated that his official residence is in Zionsville, IN, but he does have a residence at 8652E. 900N., Remington. He feels there are a lot of people that are here tonight that are in favor of the project. There was a comment about it not having any value. I think if you signed the neighbor agreement you get \$3200.00 a year. The applicant has mentioned that they will be paying the county 25 million for blacktop roads. That is a huge impact to the county. This is a huge project and Remington does not have any other form of Economic Development. This is the only way we can start getting some revenue for when NIPSCO closes.

Fina Northcutt was present and stated that she lives at 10477S. Hwy 231. She stated that she has 4 children that go to the Rensselaer School system and they only mentioned the high school, there are 4 other schools in the county and none of them are mentioned of getting any money. She is concerned with what the turbines will do to her daughters hearing aids. She is also concerned about the helicopters being able to land incase of an emergency and since she does have children with special needs she is concerned. The children need to be thought about, not the lining of pockets.

Mike Aichner was present and stated that he lives at 5052W. 1125N., Wheatfield. He does not see the economic benefits here. The only people this benefits are the people that are in favor of the projects. We have better ways to develop our Economic sectors in Jasper County to be more sustainable and to be better for communities than what these wind projects are going to bring to us. Consider the impact this will have on our County in whole.

Mike Williamson was present and stated that he lives at 12743S. 780W. He lives on the South side of the county and can see hundreds of blinking red lights and feels this is an eyesore. They live in the country because it is peaceful. He has read where each turbine sounds like a lawnmower 24 hours a day. If this was to get approved they will no longer have any peaceful nights. He is concerned about the noise and pollution this project will bring to our County.

Nat Brown was present and stated that he lives at 13611S. 980W. He does feel that people should be able to do what they want to with their land, but at the end of the day if what they decided to do effects the property around them, that is when it becomes a problem. I have put a huge investment into my property over the past 10 years. We want to talk about the good neighbor agreements, if you sign that you get \$3000.00 a year. But at the end of the day you get rid of all your rights, you can't complain about it and you can't stand up at meetings when you sign them. He lives in the country so he can enjoy some of the quality of life this brings.

John Frey was present and stated that he lives at 5377W. 1400S. He runs a local

flatbed business and has worked on some of these farms. It has been good for his business. There has been concerns about the helicopters they go up and down and the crop duster planes fly through every spring and summer so he does not feel that is valid concern. He is in favor of the wind turbines.

Dr. Deanna Hannon was present and stated that she lives at 324N. Main St., Remington. I say the term “Dr.” because I have been asked by some of my friends to explain some of the health concerns related to wind turbines. The truth is there are not a lot of studies out there about wind turbines. If you look at Europe places that have had wind turbines for a long time the people that have lived around them have a lot of complaints Healthwise. The 3 most common complaints are tinnitus (ringing of the hear), headaches and insomnia. Any 3 of these things can be debilitating and can affect your health all the way around. She does feel these are things to take into consideration. If the last 5 years haven’t explained, science says “what those who stand to profit wants it to say, Science is bought.”

Don Furrer was present and stated that he lives in Wolcott but has property in Jasper County where they are talking about putting a wind turbine on. He has wind turbines on his farm in White County. He has heard a lot of complaints about them, but he doesn’t have any complaints. They are not that noisy, he has stood under them. They have fixed the roads like they said they would. They have done everything they said they would do. He feels they have helped the School a lot along with the Taxes.

Kent Korniak stated that there are a couple letters that have been emailed stating their concerns. One letter is from Barb Meppelink and the second letter is from Matthew and Bridget Misner and they are all against the Wind Turbines. The letters are in the file if you would like to see them.

Amy Kurt was present stated that she is the Director of Development for EDP Renewables. They are not asking for specific turbine locations, that will come later in the process. Since 2019 the County has given very clear direction on where turbines would not be considered and where turbines and wind farms might be considered in the future. They took that feed back to the county area plan commission and they went to work with the landowners in the area where the county specified would be open for wind farm development. We want to make sure that anybody that wants to participate in these projects has an opportunity to do so. We offer neighbor agreements to adjacent landowners who are adjacent to infrastructure but who choose not to either because they don’t have enough land to host a turbine on their property so they could sign an agreement with that landowner.

Vince Urbano asked why can they not talk about it if they sign the good neighbor agreement?

Amy Kurt replied that they can talk about it. The language in the neighbor agreement says they have to cooperate with them and it is cooperating standard contactization cooperation language. We don’t want somebody who signs a neighbor agreement to take our money from signing a neighbor agreement and come up here and block the project from moving forward. We want to work with that person to understand

what their concern is. In addition to the 80 landowners that have chose to participate by leasing their property they have about 60 other neighbor agreements that are neighboring who are not going to benefit from having a wind turbine on their property or an access road and who don't want to have an infrastructure on their property but who are okay with their neighbors having an infrastructure on their neighboring property and who are going to receive this addition direct benefit from us to them. A lot of the concerns that have been brought up brings a different situation because we are not in a place where people have never seen wind farms before. There are wind farms all over you guys and people have been living with them for decades. We have built our Company with a great track record. There has been concern about Helicopter's and it has been confirmed that we have agreements with the various emergency services and helicopter companies so if they do need to land they have the ability to turn off the wind turbine. They have not had any issues in the past with emergency services being able to access landowners. The decommissioning agreement requires us to study the cost of decommissioning a wind farm and to update that cost every 5 years so we are tracking with the current cost.

Vince Urbano stated that this is a massive undertaking project. We've had a couple of these come through the county in the past couple of years. It has been a real struggle for himself, and our highway department to take on these responsibilities on some of these other projects. I think we need to really put our heads together on this and making sure we are crossing all our T's and dotting all our I's. I've worked with EDP, they have been great to work with and very professional with us. I've heard from a dozen landowners over the last couple of weeks being your elected official or your representative. I've heard you all very loud and clear. I've collected notes over the timeframe. After we get through the discussion I am willing to make a motion that fits all of us.

Kent Korniak stated that he has a letter that is dated February 1st from the Jasper County Airport. He asked the applicant if they have correspondence with them. They had some questions and concerns if you could address some of those. There is concern with radio interference to flight path.

Amy Kurt replied that they consult with the airport authorities and we receive a letter from the airport authorities regarding the project. They issued a new letter as of this week. After taking a look at where the closest wind turbine would be the airport authorities they have given them the necessary approval to move forward with the project, they do not have concerns.

Hannah Schanzer replied that they met with the airport board and in their letter, it states their approval is contingent on determinations of no hazards that we receive them from the FAA. The proposed wind farm has shifted since they originally filed but approximately a month ago they did receive the initial determinations of no hazards for each of the turbines they have submitted locations for. We will be refiled most of the wind turbines since they have shifted over 100ft. when they originally filed. One of the main conditions of the approval is getting the permits from the FAA.

Kent Korniak asked what has been the companies correspondence with the local utility company. What happens when/if lines need to be moved.

Amy Kurt replied that they will correspond with them when they build the substation to connect to the grid. We are tapping into the NIPSCO transmission grid. They have to get a crossing agreement from any utility they cross.

Summer Brown asked if the Airport had mention anything about the wildlife or birds. She is concerned since we do get a lot of migratory birds that they would be impacted by the wind turbines.

Amy Kurt replied that they will have to obtain permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army Corps of Engineer and several other State and Federal agencies. As part of the State and Federal permits they do a number of bird and wildlife studies to see what the existing wildlife/bird situation is.

Vince Urbano made the motion to recommend to the Commissioners to table everything until further notice until a consultant of the county's choice is hired at the applicants expense to review all of the materials that have been presented and or already accepted by the county to make sure that all laws and ordinances are being followed and can give us their expertise advice on what's best for moving forward with this and other big projects being presented in our communities. With projects of this size there's not one of us sitting at any table representing Jasper county that is completely qualified to make these critical decisions for us all. We've made huge unrepairable mistakes with other big projects in our communities over the last few years and we can't afford to let these same mistakes keep happening especially all over some things that we might think might be there or cost us double in the end. I would also recommend we establish task force internally with one of our commissioners, our planning director, our highway superintendent, our surveyor, possibly a sheriff representative and any one else that can help us review everything to do with this project. This will give our consultant access to all of us through group emails, text messages, phone calls to where we can all be contacted at anytime. They can report back to us as we feel needed. To get a thorough document that everything is being done right.

Attorney Sammons stated that the motion needs clarification, in order for a motion to be tabled it needs to state for how long since there is publication involved.

Vince Urbano stated since we are not sure how long it will take the county to find a consultant he would like to amend the first motion that was stated.

Vince Urbano stated that his recommendation to the Commissioners is to deny/unfavorable everything until further notice until there is a consultant hired to the county choice by the applicant expense to review all materials that have been presented or that have excepted by the county to make sure that all our laws and ordinances are being followed and can give us their expertise advice on what's best for moving forward with this and other big projects being presented to our community. With projects of this size there's not one of us sitting at any table representing Jasper county that is completely qualified to make these critical decisions for us all. We've made huge unrepairable mistakes with other big projects in our communities over the last few years and we can't afford to keep let these same mistakes keep happening especially all over some things

that we might think might be there or cost us double in the end. I would also recommend we establish task force internally with one of our commissioners, our planning director, our highway superintendent, our surveyor, possibly a sheriff representative and any one else that can help us review everything to do with this project. This will give our consultant access to all of us through group emails, text messages, phone calls to where we can all be contacted at anytime. Motion was seconded by Dave Webb and carried with a vote of 6 members in favor and Steve Jordan opposed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, meeting was adjourned.

A TRUE RECORD;

Kent Korniak, President