

GRANT COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION
GRANT COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX
Minutes

August 1, 2022

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mr. Maynard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with all members present except Mr. Hedrick. Mr. Nuckols was present via phone.

Staff present were Ryan Malott, Executive Director; Nicole Bailey, Code Enforcement; Aaron Elsworth, Building Inspector; Katie Kabel, Permits Clerk; Kyle Persinger, APC Attorney; and Brenda Harrison, Executive Administrative Assistant.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Briede moved, and Mr. Couse seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 meeting. Dr. Bothwell, Mr. Brankle, Mr. Briede, Mr. Caudill, Mr. Couse, Mr. Hix, Mr. Nuckols, and Mr. Todd voted yes. Mr. Wright abstained. Motion carried.

4. Confirmation of Employment

Dr. Bothwell moved, and Mr. Couse seconded to approve the employment of Katie Kabel as Permits Clerk. Dr. Bothwell, Mr. Brankle, Mr. Briede, Mr. Caudill, Mr. Couse, Mr. Hix, Mr. Nuckols, Mr. Todd, and Mr. Wright voted yes. Motion carried.

5. Budget Proposal

Mr. Briede moved, and Dr. Bothwell seconded to approve the Proposed Budget for 2023. Dr. Bothwell, Mr. Brankle, Mr. Briede, Mr. Caudill, Mr. Couse, Mr. Hix, Mr. Nuckols, Mr. Todd, and Mr. Wright voted yes. Motion carried.

6. At the September meeting the Rules Committee will present their report and an Executive Session will be held after the meeting.

7. Correspondence & Other Business

There was no correspondence or other business for the meeting.

8. Public Input – Solar

Andy Ellis spoke about some of the differences in Draft 7 & Draft 4.

Ed Hartman spoke on the differences in both drafts also but pointed out that Draft 7 made sure that no solar would be within a mile of any town. That Draft 4 has nothing about recycling in it. Property Value Guarantees are in Draft 7. Fees were dropped from \$2000 to \$1000. Prime farm ground will be lost.

Linda Morgan spoke about the differences between Draft 7 & Draft 4 as well. She asked Commissioner Wright if he got to check out a solar farm. Commissioner Wright stated that he had and discussed his findings and concerns. Linda said that China buying up farmland in the US to feed their people.

Ted Oatess stated that Indiana & Grant County are going to Solar. That the panels are built in China and that child labor is used.

Pam Whitted spoke about where she lived, that the Community of Trask was there and had disappeared. She owns the Trask school house and had left the sign from the school that told who the trustees were on the building.

Randy Atkins stated that the Commissioners would not discuss the ordinance and circumvented the board with a different ordinance that did not have input. Money is driving this. He is hurt by what has been going on in this County for the last four months.

There was no one present to represent the Solar Companies.

Ed Hartman said that Mr. Malott said that the APC reduced the fees. He was at all the APC meeting and doesn't remember that change. This change was slipped in. Commissioner should not be involved in zoning decisions, only approving a zoning ordinances.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Caudill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM.



Rex A. Maynard, APC President

The Plan Commission may tape record the proceedings of each meeting to substantiate and clarify the official minutes.