

**GRANT COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION
GRANT COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX**

Minutes

September 11, 2023

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Members present Randy Atkins, David Broyles, Jerry Caudill, Rob Couse, Frank Hix, John Pearson, Steve Wright and President, Chuck Briede. Absent were Robert Bothwell, Brian Hunt, Patrick Nevers, Tyson Nuckols and James Todd.

Staff present- Ryan Malott, Executive Director, Nicole Bailey, Building Inspector, Katie Kabel, Code Enforcement Officer, Brenda Harrison, Administrative Assistant. Attorney David Glickfield present via Webex.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wright moved and seconded to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023. Mr. Atkins, Mr. Caudill, Mr. Broyles, Mr. Hix, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Briede voted yes. Mr. Couse abstained. Motion carried.

5 Public Hearings

5.1 Old Business

- 5.1.1 Pond ordinance – Director Malott stated that there wasn't an ordinance for ponds. So, he contacted the neighboring counties on their ordinance for ponds. He noted that all surrounding counties have a pond ordinance, which ranged from a paragraph to eight pages.

Director Malott meshed the ordinances of the other counties to create our ordinance, he then presented to the Drainage Board. The Drainage Board then gave consensus on the current Draft to be presented to the APC.

Had discussion to finalize for the ordinance: Fees, Land use, and authority. Anything over an acre goes through the USDA Rule 5.

Ed Hartman – What is the minimum size? Too many regulations for small ponds.

Director Malott stated that anything under one acre would need to be checked with the Health Department and the Surveyor for approval where needed.

Director Malott stated the main purpose for the ordinance was to view site plans and have setbacks, which is one of the biggest issues since we currently have no standards.

- 5.1.2 Rules of Procedure - Mr. Briede asked that the rules of procedure be skipped.

5.2 New Business

- 5.2.1 Written Commitment for C R Gillespie – Tabled until Mr. Gillespie can be at the meeting.

6. Reports

6.1 Mr. Glickfield Attorney report

6.2 Directors report

- 6.2.1 Software was brought up with the complaint from Mrs. Sutton.

- 6.2.2 An emergency court hearing was on September 5th and the judge approved the demolition of the building in Jonesboro. Demolition started September 11th and buildings are now down.

7. Correspondence and Other Business

- 7.1 Next scheduled meeting – October 2, 2023

8. Public Input

- Linda Sutton – had a complaint about our permitting software.

- Bob White – Homes in Van Buren wanting to know what to do with them.

- Bryan Howell? – Stated that we should reduce the number of permits available to the public.

9. Adjournment

- Mr. Briede adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.



Chuck Briede, APC President