

Stutsman County Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes – September 2, 2015

At 8:02 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Planning and Zoning Chairman Harold Bensch. Present were Katie Andersen, Dan Buchanan, Ryan Odenbach, Dale Marks, Dave Schwartz, Duane Andersen, Casey Bradley and Tyler Perleberg, Zoning Administrator. Not present was: Brian Amundson.

Marks made a motion, seconded by Schwartz to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Tyler Perleberg, Zoning Administrator reported that Stutsman County had received a request dated August 12, 2014 to rezone a portion of land just south of Courtenay.

(The north 590.00 feet of the east 403.00 feet of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 143 North, Range 62 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Stutsman County, North Dakota.)

The request came from the current land owner Jeff Mitchell. This request is with Xcel Energy for building an operations and maintenance facility in regards to the wind farm project currently going on. The land is currently zoned as agricultural use, but for the proposed permanent facility, the land would need to be rezoned as industrial use to obtain the building permit.

Chairman Harold Bensch opened the floor for discussion on the proposed zoning change.

Jay Hesse with Geronimo Energy presented others in attendance: Jeff Mitchell (current land owner), Steven Somsen (involved with the project and adjacent land owner), Kyle Sheppard (Xcel Energy – on site coordinator), Chad Peterson (Xcel Energy – works with land rights & land owners).

Jay Hesse asked if there were any questions for him or the others in attendance. No questions were asked.

Steven Somsen spoke that he was connected with the Courtenay community cemetery. He stated that that the board members have no objections to the request.

Chairman Bensch asked if there were any questions from any members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. None were asked.

Dave Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Dale Marks to approve a request to rezone the subject land from agricultural use to industrial use. There was no discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Marks to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 a.m.