

APRIL 13TH, 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

VIRGINIA: at the **REGULAR MEETING** of the **Tazewell County Planning Commission** held **April 13th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tazewell County Administration Building, Tazewell, Virginia -- 197 Main Street**

PRESENT: **Ann Robinson-Chairperson**
Robert “Bob” Moss-Vice Chairman
Anthony Ramella-Member
Hayden Lyons-Member

OTHERS

PRESENT: **Kenneth Dunford, Jr., -- Director of County Engineering**
Kimberly Hilbert-Executive Secretary
Chase Collins—County Attorney
Mike Rogers—3B Consulting

ABSENT: **Jason Herndon-Member**
Maggie Asbury-Member
Darrell Addison--Member

Chairperson Robinson called the April 13th, 2023 regular meeting to order and presided at approximately 6:32 p.m.

She then welcomed all visitors and all those in attendance.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Chairperson Robinson gave the invocation, followed by, the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag by Vice-Chairman Moss.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FORMAT

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Lyons, and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Asbury, Addison and Herndon absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission hereby **APPROVE** the agenda with the addition of the

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Solar Presentation under Citizens Comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 9TH, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Ramella, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Asbury, Addison and Herndon absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the March 9th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction being made of misspelling on page 1.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

E & S Plan—Maybrey’s Meadows Mitigation Bank

Mike Rogers with 3B Consulting was present to speak on the project. It is an existing E & S Project and they want to combine two areas with the addition of a road. It is located on Apostolic Drive, Dry Fork, VA. It is a continuation of the existing project being amended for the road and piping. They are currently waiting on DEQ approval which may take up to two (2) months.

Kenneth Dunford, Jr., Director of Engineering has no concerns or issues with the amendment to the existing project and recommends approval.

Chase Collins, County Attorney has no concerns or issues and recommends approval.

Upon motion by Member Lyons, seconded by Vice-Chairman Moss, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Asbury, Addison and Herndon absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Amendment to the E & S Plan—Maybrey’s Meadows Mitigation Bank.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chase Collins, County Attorney presented and discussed a proposed Solar Ordinance for the Planning Commission to review and recommend to the Board of Supervisors. There is a lot of beautiful agricultural land within Tazewell County and we want to preserve that for future generations.

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With the rising need for green technologies there has been one (1) solar entity that has expressed interest in a solar farm on Recreation Drive. While our goal is not to eliminate these farms we can install infrastructure responsibly to protect the citizens and property of our beautiful county.

The county currently does not have any specifics for solar technology in its Comprehensive Plan, and with no zoning, there are no guidelines or legislature regarding the installation of solar farms. This ordinance would be similar to the Tall Structure Ordinance that the county enacted.

He asked that the board review the proposed solar ordinance and call, email or bring him any changes or additions they would like to see to the next meeting on May 11th, 2023.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

PETITION—BLACKHORSE ROAD

Mr. Dunford, Jr., stated that the county already maintains a portion of the road and has received a petition to take in the rest of the road. In order to take the road in the road committee will need to meet and review the road and make any recommendations. Will send out email to coordinate the times when everyone will be available to review the road.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Jerry McReynolds with the airport did not show up for the meeting.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Member Ramella – None

Vice Chairman Moss—None at this time.

Member Lyons—Smith County has a Solar Ordinance. May take a look at theirs.

Chairperson Robinson—Trash pickup on 460 has started and glad to see that happening. No enforcement on littering. Mr. Collins stated that Commonwealth Attorney, C. Plaster, County

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Administrator, E. Young and himself are working to see what the ordinance needs to be improved upon and what can be enacted to help remedy the enforcement of said ordinance.

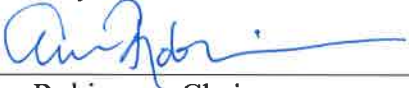
ADJOURNED MEETING

Upon motion of Member Ramella, seconded by Member Lyons, and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, the Tazewell County Planning Commission Regular Meeting is hereby adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m. until Thursday, May 11th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Hilbert

Kimberly Hilbert- Executive Secretary



Ann Robinson –Chair
Tazewell County Planning Commission