

MAY 9TH, 2024 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

VIRGINIA: at the **REGULAR MEETING** of the **Tazewell County Planning Commission** held **May 9th, 2024 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
Jason Herndon-Member
Hayden Lyons—Member

OTHERS

PRESENT: **Kenneth Dunford, Jr., -- Director of County Engineering**
Kimberly Hilbert-Executive Secretary
Chase Collins-- County Attorney
Robert Carlson--Visitor

ABSENT: **Kyle Cruey—Member**
Lance Wimmer—Member
Anthony Ramella—Member

Chairperson Robinson called the May9th, 2024 regular meeting to order and presided at approximately 6:35 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 Member Lyons, seconded by Member Herndon, and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Cruey, Ramella and Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the agenda with the addition of Brenda Brewster Plat and Planning Commission Secretary being added.

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APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 11TH, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Herndon, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: : Cruey, Ramella and Wimmer absent from the meeting, The Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the April 11th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR TAX MAP#071-01-0004A

Kenneth Dunford, Jr., Director of Engineering, spoke on the conservation easement. It is a conservation easement located on Dry Fork, Va. There is a requirement that it be considered with the Comprehensive Plan.

Chase Collins, County Attorney, stated that the Comprehensive Plan and Tazewell County Ordinance both have considerations for the conservation of natural resources within Tazewell County.

Upon motion by Member Herndon, seconded by Vice-Chairman Moss, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: : Cruey, Ramella and Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby deem the Proposed Conservation Easement for Tax Map#071-01-0004A to be accordance with Section 10.1-1010 (E) of the Code of Virginia and does thereby **APPROVE** said easement.

BRENDA BREWSTER PLAT

Jim Ribble, Alpha Land Surveyors was present to speak on the behalf of Ms. Brewster. The property was surveyed in 2009 and the plat was never recorded. She is wanting to sell the property. There is water and sewer available and it meets all provisions of the Subdivision Ordinance.

Kenneth Dunford, Jr., has no issues and recommends approval. There will be a \$109.00 subdivision fee that will need to be received prior to release of the plat.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Herndon, and voted on by a vote of 4 to 0, with Members: Cruey, Ramella and Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the Brenda Brewster Plat contingent upon the subdivision fee being received.

E & S ORDINANCE

Chase Collins, County Attorney, informed the commission that the Board of Supervisors has approved the advertisement for the E & S Ordinance.

Kenneth Dunford, Jr., recommends to the Planning Commission to approve the E & S Ordinance and send to the Board of Supervisors for adoption by July 1, 2024.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Moss, seconded by Member Herndon, the Tazewell County Planning Commission does hereby recommend the E & S Ordinance to the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors.

PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY

Mr. Dunford informed the Planning Commission that this would be Ms. Hilbert’s last meeting. She will be retiring the end of this month. He is not sure who her replacement will be, at this time, and asked that the commission be patient with him as he tries to keep abreast of everything.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Robert Carlson, 1142 Lake Witten Road, North Tazewell, VA 24630, stated he had spoken at the Board of Supervisors meeting and requested they prohibit and amend the Solar Ordinance. He is real concerned with the types of panels that are being use. There are four (4) types of solar panels and the types of panels that Energix will be utilizing is last on the list.

Mr. Carlson did look at the White Pines, TN solar farm and found out that public utilities joined together to use the electricity generated locally. It will be staying in their region. Not like the proposed one here.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Member Lyons: None

Vice-Chairman Moss: Is the meat packing plant still in the works? Mr. Collins stated it was right on tract.

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Member Herndon: Update on Project Jonah? Mr. Collins stated they are supposed to start moving dirt next month. Very optimistic. Working on user agreement and hopefully the water project will be complete by 2026. AEP will have to have the proper electrical grid there also.

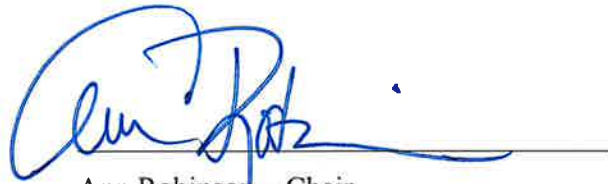
Chairperson Robinson: Any word on the Sub-Station at Bluefield, VA? AEP plan on energizing? Mr. Collins said the project is on schedule.

Upon motion by Member Herndon, seconded by Vice-Chairman Moss, and voted on by a vote of 4s to 0, with Members: Cruvey, Ramella and Wimmer absent from the meeting, the Tazewell County Planning Commission is hereby adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m. until the regular meeting time on Thursday June 13th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Hilbert

Kimberly Hilbert—Executive Secretary



Ann Robinson—Chair

Tazewell County Planning Commission