

**SPINK COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING
REDFIELD, SOUTH DAKOTA
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

The Spink County Planning and Zoning Board met at 7PM, August 12th 2019, at the Spink County Courthouse. Present were board members Dave Albrecht, Dustin Rische, Brett Knox, and Jamie Wagner-Lutter, Spink County Zoning Administrator.

An informational meeting was held for Tulare Energy LLC's solar farm application in the W ½ of Section 6 in Crandon township, Section 1 less the S1/2 of the N1/2 in Tulare township, and the E ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 2 in Tulare township. Roland Jurgens presented, with Steve Masat, Bruce Blume, and Scott Domke there to answer questions. Jurgens spoke about what the project entails and why that location would be optimal due to the location between two large plants that require a large amount of electricity and Northwestern Energy's transmission line running through the location.

Tulare Energy LLC would lease the land from the current owners and areas containing the solar panels will be planted to grass or a pollinator mix. All other areas of the facility would be graveled surfaces, with battery systems inside container enclosures placed on concrete slabs. A facility this size will typically employ 3-4 personnel.

Jurgens spoke about conditions the Project requested be placed on the Conditional Use Permit, some of which include Road Haul Agreements with the County and both Crandon and Tulare township, a decommissioning plan, EMS staff training, and fencing in the project to protect the public and wildlife. For a complete list of requested conditions, the application can be viewed at the Spink County Equalization office.

When questioned about the Project's ability to meet all the conditions by the August 20th hearing date, Jurgens explained that any conditions placed on the project at the hearing do not have to be met at the hearing date. However, construction on the project cannot begin until all of the conditions placed have been met.

The meeting was called to an end at 9:15PM.

ATTEST:

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