

SPINK COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
October 16, 2012 Minutes

The Spink County Planning and Zoning Board met on October 16, 2012, at 10:00 am. Members present included Craig Johnson, David Albrecht, Jeff Albrecht, Brian Johnson, Gerald Zerbel, Planning and Zoning Administrator Heather Jordan. Also in attendance were Kirk Johnson, Perry Hofer, Terry Haven, Jeff Lefforge, Larry Tebben, and Mike Sanger.

Motion by Brian Johnson, second by Craig Johnson to approve the agenda with the deletion of Knoll's First Subdivision plat. Motion carried

Motion by Jeff Albrecht, second by Gerald Zerbel to approve the October 2, 2012 minutes. A copy is available online and for viewing in the Equalization Office.

Variance

A variance public hearing was held for Linda Graham to build a 26' x 24' garage at the following location: OL 8 W 110', Mansfield Village, 5-120-64. A phone call received from adjacent property owner Jessi Engels was in favor of the variance as long as the new garage does not cross over the property line. Adjacent neighbor Jeff Lefforge was in attendance to offer support for the variance. The new building measures 5.5" away from the north property line. A motion was made by Gerald Zerbel, seconded by Brian Johnson to approve the variance. All members voted *Aye*. Motion carried.

Special Exception:

A special exception public hearing was held for Rural Tower Network, LLC to build two 100' RTK GPS signal towers utilized by agricultural precision guidance systems at following locations. NW ¼ 32-119-63, Mellette Twp, & NW ¼ 18-118-60, Turton Twp. Kirk Johnson, RTN Project Manager was present to answer questions regarding both special exception applications. Aerial operators Perry Hofer and Terry Haven were present to discuss tower visibility and safety issues from a pilot's perspective. Hofer and Haven requested that the two new towers be painted and lit for better visibility. Discussion was held on lighting, visibility, tower maintenance, enforcement, and added costs for lighting and paint to the projects. A motion was made by Craig Johnson to approve both special exception applications. Motion died for the lack of a second. Motion by David Albrecht, seconded by Jeff Albrecht to approve both special exception applications with the condition that both towers be lit and painted for improved visibility. B. Johnson, J. Albrecht, G. Zerbel and D. Albrecht voted "Aye." C. Johnson voted "Nay". Motion carried 4-1.

It was the consensus of the Planning & Zoning board to have Administrator Jordan to find more information about tower ordinances.

Motion was made by Craig Johnson and second by Brian Johnson to adjourn as Planning & Zoning Board and reconvene as County Commission at 10:50 am.

Attest

Heather Jordan

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