



NATRONA COUNTY

Development Department

200 North Center Street, Room 202
Casper, WY 82601

MINUTES OF THE NATRONA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION JANUARY 10, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harold Wright, Jim Brown, Hal Hutchinson, Bob Bailey, and Tom Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Gutierrez, Trish Chavis, and Peggy Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: Charmaine Reed

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM 1

Election of Officers

Brown nominated Harold Wright as Chairman, Davis seconded the nomination. Bailey nominated Jim Brown as Vice Chairman, Hutchinson seconded the nomination. **Nominations carried unanimously.**

ITEM 2

Brown moved and Bailey seconded a motion to approve the December 13, 2016 meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM 3

Chairman Wright opened the public hearing for **CUP16-6** – An application from Christine Mikell (applicant) and North Forgey Ranch (land owner) for a Conditional Use Permit for the installation of three MET towers, 196.85 feet in height, to measure the viability of land for wind energy generation. Tower 1 (AC N) located in portions Section 13, Township 36 North, Range 80 West, Tower 2 (AC E): located in portions of Section 29, Township 36 North, Range 79 West, Tower 3 (AC S): located in portions of Section 6, Township 39 North, Range 79 West, and the Alternate Tower Location located in portions of Section 14, Township 36 North, Range 80 West, of the 6th Principle Meridian, Natrona County, Wyoming.

Gutierrez gave the staff report. Staff proposes a motion and vote by the Planning and Zoning Commission to recommend approval of this Conditional Use Permit by the Board of County Commissioners with the following conditions:

- Towers are to be marked & lighted per FAA regulations;
- Towers be painted in accordance with FAA regulations;
- High visibility sleeves be installed on the guy wires;
- High visibility aviation orange spherical balls be attached to guy wires

Staff also recommends that the motion incorporate by reference all findings of fact set forth in the staff report and this public hearing.

Discussion between the Planning Commission and Staff

Public hearing open

Speaking in favor – Kevin Forgey, Casper

Speaking in opposition – Glenn Januska with NCIA, Dan Grace, Sally Sarvey and Ivan Petty all of Casper.

Discussion between the Planning Commission and Staff

Speaking in favor – Christine Mikell (applicant), Enyo Renewable Energy

Discussion between Planning Commission and Applicant

Public hearing closed

Discussion among Planning Commission

Brown moved approval of CUP16-6 to the Board of County Commissioners incorporate by reference all findings of fact set forth herein and make them a part thereof as presented by staff with the following conditions:

- **Towers are to be marked & lighted per FAA regulations;**
- **Towers be painted in accordance with FAA regulations;**
- **High visibility sleeves be installed on the guy wires;**
- **High visibility aviation orange spherical balls be attached to guy wires.**

Hutchinson seconds the motion. Bailey moved amendment to the motion to include the expiration date to be 5 years from the approval of the Board of County Commissioners for this Conditional Use Permit. Brown and Hutchinson agreed with the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - None

Adjournment @ 6:32 pm



Harold Wright, Chairman
Natrona County Planning and Zoning Commission



Renea Vitto
Natrona County Clerk