

The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee held a public hearing on Thursday January 12th, 2023 at 7:00pm in the District Courtroom, within the Jefferson County Courthouse. Members present were Dustin Fairley, Kevin Banahan, Ethan Thorp, Andy Snyder, Bruce Livingston, Bruce Weise, Mike Hansmire, Randy Welsch, James Hahn, CJ Forsgren, and Zoning Administrator John McKee.

Chairman Weise called the meeting to order at 7:03 and noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was on the table, and he acknowledged that the meeting notice was printed in the paper. The agenda was approved as printed. The minutes from the last meeting were read and a correction was made. Towards the end of section 6.65(A)(6)(E), secretary Fairley referred to it as 6.65(A)(6)(C) twice in the last part of the paragraph. The correction was made, and minutes were approved.

Election of officers. Vice Chairman Welsch took over as chairman for the nomination and election of officers. Fairley nominated Randy Welsch as Chairman, seconded by Thorp. Thorp moved to cease nominations, seconded by Snyder. Welsch was elected as Chairman. James Hahn was nominated by Weise for Vice Chairman. Seconded by Fairley. Hansmire moved to cease nominations, seconded by Snyder. Hahn was elected as Vice Chairman. Snyder nominated Fairley as Secretary, seconded by Hansmire. Hahn moved to cease nominations, seconded by Thorp. Fairley was elected as Secretary. Hahn nominated Banahan for Board of Adjustments, seconded by Weise. Motion to cease nominations by Thorp, seconded by Hansmire. Banahan was elected to Board of Adjustments. That ended the election part of the meeting.

Chairman Welsch opened the business part of the meeting with a monologue about respect and behavior in the courtroom. The next item on the agenda was regulation recommendations by Greg Kratz. This was followed by a presentation by Toni Snyder and Danielle Schwab about the zoning and effects of wind turbines.

At this point Chairman Welsch opened the meeting for public comment. The meeting was well attended and many viewpoints about the pros and cons were heard from the public.

At 9:30 Chairman Welsch closed the public portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn. The next meeting will be January 26th 2023. Weise made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Banahan. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Dustin Fairley Secretary.