

The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee held a public hearing on Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7:00pm in the Jefferson County Courthouse District Courtroom. Members present were Bruce Weise, Dustin Fairley, Kevin Banahan, CJ Forsgren, Bruce Livingston, Andy Snyder, Mike Hansmire, James Hahn, and zoning administrator John McKee.

Bruce Weise called the meeting to order at 6:59pm and noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was on the table, and that the meeting notice was printed in the paper. The agenda was approved and printed. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

The meeting started with John McKee reading a letter from the commissioners about wind turbine zoning issues. The commissioners were not in attendance. Chairman Weise opened the meeting for public comment, and stated that the public would be given three minutes for comments followed by questions from the board.

The following were public comments concerning wind farm noise. Richard Lampeter, from Epsilon Associates Inc, Maynard, MA talked about noise. Chris Ollson, Ollson Environmental Health Management, from Hamilton Ontario spoke about 60 dba being too loud. Neil Wehling, Diller Ne, stated that noise from his wind turbines are not a issue. Gordon Hopkins from the Fairbury Journal News asked questions about noise levels from the local airport. David Levy, Baird Holm Law Firm, from Omaha, Ne spoke about the noise level enforcement practices in place. Dakota Beals, NextEra Energy from Clay Center, KS he is a windfarm operator and stated that they have not had any noise complaints, they don't test for noise at the wind farm.

The following were public comments concerning setbacks. Mathew Jones, Next Era Energy from Florida talked about the project. Chris Ollson talked about height requirements and setbacks. Randy Prellwitz, Sky Tech Fairbury, NE. spoke about the no fly zones when crop dusting around wind turbines.

On the topic of Decommissioning David Levy gave a break down of how the state deals with decommissioning wind turbines.

Other general discussion was about acreage size on existing farm steads.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43