

The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee held a public hearing on Thursday September 9th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Jefferson County Courthouse District Courtroom. Members present were Dustin Fairley, Andy Snyder, James Hull, Randy Welsch, Kevin Banahan, Bruce Weise, Bruce Livingston, Mike Hansmire, Ethan Thorp, and zoning administrator John McKee.

Chairman James Hull called the meeting to order 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 as printed and that minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

A hearing was had for a request for Permitted Special Use File 02-21 for the purpose of constructing a Meteorological Tower in the Agricultural District. Lee Greenwald and Max Jones from the Holm law firm in Omaha were representing the Florida company Big Blue Nebraska Wind, LLC. They gave an overview of the project and answered questions. Many concerns were raised from the public. General debate and discussion followed before Chairman Hull closed the public hearing. A motion by Fairley was made to deny the application, seconded by Banahan. Discussion was had about the motion and a roll call vote followed. The motion failed 3-6. A motion to approve File 02-21 was made by Weise and seconded by Snyder. The motion passed 7-2.

Discussion, comments and concerns were heard from the public and committee members about the current wind regulations.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm

Respectfully submitted, Dustin Fairley Secretary