

McHenry County Zoning Commission

September 22, 2016

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matt Zelinski. Other members present were Lloyd Gardner, Bill Goodwin, Ken Gefroh, Tom Krumwiede, Lyle Hendrickson, Larry Haman, Josh Frey and Darlene Carpenter. A list of other attendees is on file in the auditor's office.

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Ken to approve the minutes from August 25th. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing for the application from Capital Power for a wind farm was opened. Bill Behling from Capital Power reviewed the proposed project. He explained the project is up to 100.8 megawatt with up to 40 turbines. The project encompasses 11,352 acres. Questions from the public were asked in reference to aerial spraying, decibels, taxes, setbacks, and the probability of increasing the number of turbines in the future. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Lloyd to recommend the commissioners approve the CUP for the wind project. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was opened for the application from Capital Power for the transmission line. It was brought to the attention of the board the application had referenced the incorrect legal description for the placement of the poles. A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Lyle to have Capital Power resubmit their application with the correct descriptions. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was opened for the application submitted by Otter Tail Power to construct a breaker bay in OL 800 in NW ¼ of Section 21-155-79. No one appeared for or against the project. A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Bill to recommend the commissioners approve the permit. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing for the application from John Fjellanger for a variance to plant a shelterbelt 60' from the center of 50th St NE in the NE 1/4 of Section 26-154-75. No one appeared for or against the project. A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Tom to recommend the commissioners approve the variance. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the following applications:

Roger Sundsbak – pole building
William Bray – pole barn
Jason Mongeon – pole barn
Randy Schmitt – shop
Lyle Hendrickson – pole barn

A motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Ken to approve all permits and to notify Velva City on the Sundsbak application. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Lyle to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor