

HITCHCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

January 18, 2024
Trenton, Nebraska

Pursuant to the adopted By-Laws and Rules of Procedure, the Hitchcock County Planning Commission met on Thursday, January 18, 2024 in the Community Room, Hitchcock County Courthouse, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska for its annual re-organizational meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the *Hitchcock County News*, the designated method for giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chair and the Board of this meeting. Agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chair Dustin Ladenburger advised all in attendance, that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review, indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held and offered the following statement: *It is the policy of the board that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. The board conducts its business in accordance with the open meetings act.*

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the roll was called. Those present were Aaron Kolbet, Dustin Ladenburger, Dustin Webb, and Wayne Merrill. Member Monnahan and alternate Member Austin Jensen were not present. Chair declared a quorum. Also present, Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson, County Commissioner Paul Nichols, and Recording Secretary Margaret Pollmann.

The minutes of the August 3, 2023 meeting were previously reviewed by the board. Chair inquired as to any additions or corrections. Member Merrill moved to waive the reading of said minutes, and accept and approve the August 3rd, 2023 meeting minutes. Member Kolbet seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Kolbet, Ladenburger, Webb, and Merrill. Motion carried.

Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chair for the calendar year 2024. Kolbet moved to retain current officers, those being Dustin Ladenburger Chair, Dustin Webb Vice Chair and Wayne Merrill Secretary. Merrill seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Ladenburger, Kolbet, Webb, and Merrill. Motion carried and Dustin Ladenburger was declared Chair, Dustin Webb was declared Vice Chair and Wayne Merrill was declared Secretary for calendar year 2024.

The Commission was in receipt of four conservation easement referrals from the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners.

The Commission reviewed each of the conservation easements separately as to conformity with Hitchcock County's Comprehensive Plan.

Member Kolbet moved to find that the following conservation easements conform with Hitchcock County's Comprehensive Plan:

- Ron Wertz CRP General Sec. 36-3-33
- Crews Farms CRP Access Control & Upland/Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management NE¼ Sec. 24-3-32
- Swanson Lake Ranch, LLC CRP Continuous S½S½ & Pt. N½SW¼ Sec. 17-2-34
- DHR Farms, Inc., CRP SAFE SU59 Sec. 26 & 33 in 2-35

and to direct Chair to execute documentation of said finding to be delivered to the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners for consideration.

Member Webb seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Ladenburger, Webb, Merrill, and Kolbet. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson presented his annual report.

Discussion held on solar farms and comprehensive plan updates.

The next reorganizational meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025. The Chair may call a meeting of the Planning Commission at such other times as needed to conduct necessary business.

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Ladenburger adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Dustin Ladenburger, Chair

Wayne Merrill, Secretary