

BZA MINUTES

November 21, 2016

Members present: Phil DeHaven, Jim Hufford, Myron Cougill, Christy Starbuck, Lee DeGuise, Bill Davis, Jason Hawley

Legal representation: Jason Welch

Staff present: Randy Abel, Executive Director, Debra Johnting, Recording Secretary

Others present: Chris Matthews, Mark Lumpkin

Chairman DeGuise: It is 7 O'clock, October 17, 2016, and I call to open this meeting of the Randolph County Board of Zoning Appeals. First on the agenda tonight is to approve the minutes from our last meeting. Are there any motions? All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed. Minutes have passed. Tonight's only petition is BZA2016-15-V, a variance for EDP Renewables. Is someone here for EDP Renewables to represent? Could you please step forward? First of all, have you received Article V, Conduct of Hearings from Debra?

C. Matthews: Yes

Chairman DeGuise: Please have a seat, and state your name and address for the record please, this is a recorded hearing.

C. Matthews: My name is Chris Matthews, I am the project developer for EDP Renewables based out of Houston, Texas. Our address is 808 Travis Street, Suite #700, Houston, Texas, 77002.

Chairman DeGuise: What we are asking for is to state in your own words what you are asking for.

C. Matthews: What we are asking for first is to amend our petition first of all from a Variance to a Special Exception to build a 312' Meteorological Tower on Mr. Mark Lumpkin's property. To collect wind and other data as well as some wildlife data as well.

Chairman DeGuise: I am assuming the reasoning for the Met Tower is for the possibility of a future wind turbine?

C. Matthews: Yes, that is correct, we are looking to collect data to see whether it is a high enough wind resource to construct a future wind farm.

Chairman DeGuise: Any questions for any of the board members?

J. Hufford: That's why it's temporary I take it?

C. Matthews: Correct, if it comes back and the wind data does not pan out and it is not feasible to build a wind farm obviously we will be taking it down.

J. Hawley: Just out of curiosity, what is the time frame on temporary?

C. Matthews: Typically we like to gather at least one year's worth of data at a minimum. Because there are variations week to week and month to month, and then also you have temperature changes that affect wind so we like to have one solid year of data.

Chairman DeGuise: Any other questions? That's it for now, thank you very much. Anyone else in the audience who would like to speak for or against this project? Let the record show that no one is coming forward. Recommendation for a roll call vote? It has been moved and seconded to have a roll call vote, Debra, roll call vote please.

D. Johnting: Jim Hufford-yes, Phil DeHaven-yes, Jason Hawley-yes, Bill Davis-yes, Lee DeGuise-yes, Christy Starbuck-yes, Myron Cougill-yes. Motion passes.

Chairman DeGuise: That's it, sir, it's all approved. Does the board have any further discussion?

C. Starbuck: I move we adjourn the meeting.

B. Davis: Second.

Chairman DeGuise: All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed. This meeting is adjourned.

Lee DeGuise, Chairman

Bill Davis, Vice Chairman

Debra Johnting, Recording Secretary