

BZA MINUTES

November 21, 2016

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

Legal representation: Jason Welch

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

Others present: Chris Matthews, EDP Renewables

Chairman DeGuise: It is 7 O'clock, November 21, 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. The first and only application for tonight is BZA2016-15-V a variance, for EDPR. Is someone here from EDPR to represent? Would you please step forward?

Chairman DeGuise: First of all, have you received Article V, Conduct of Hearings from Debra?

C. Matthews: Yes.

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

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

Chairman DeGuise: Ok, now we are asking that you state in your own words what you are asking for.

C. Matthews: Sure, so, we are asking 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 weather data as well as some wildlife data.

Chairman DeGuise: So noted, I am assuming the reasoning for the met tower is 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: Are there any other questions from the board?

J. Hufford: That's why it's temporary I take it? I see that on the application it says temporary tower so that is why?

C. Matthews: That is correct, if it comes back and the wind data does not pan out and it's not feasible to build a wind farm then we will take it out.

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 so it's a year at a minimum. Because there are variations not only week to week but month to month. And also you have temperature changes, which affect wind and we like to have at least one solid year of data.

Chairman DeGuise: Any other questions? Ok, that's it for now, thank you very much. You may return to your seat for now. Would anyone else in the audience like to speak for or against this project? Let the record show no one's coming forward. Recommendation for a roll call vote? It has been moved and seconded to take a roll call vote. Debra, roll call vote please?

D. Johnting: J. Hufford, yes, P. DeHaven, yes, J. Hawley, yes, B. Davis, yes, L. DeGuise, yes, C. Starbuck, yes, M. Cougill, yes. Motion passes.

Chairman DeGuise: That's it sir, you are approved.

C. Matthews: Sounds good, thank you for your time.

Chairman DeGuise: Thank you. Does the board have any further discussion? It has been moved and seconded to end this meeting. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed. Meeting is closed.

Lee DeGuise, Chairman

Bill Davis, Vice Chairman

Debra Johnting, Recording Secretary