

January 24, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Merrick County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Starostka at 7:06 p.m. Thursday January 24, 2013 in Hearing Room at the courthouse in Central City. Upon roll call, those attending were Starostka, Wiegert, Robinson, Beckstrom, and Wichmann, Rutten, Ohlman, Ferris, and Ogden. Also present was Jen Myers, Planning Administrator. The meeting notice was published in both the Central City and Palmer Papers. Notice of this meeting was delivered to the Chairperson and members prior to the meeting. Open meeting notice procedures were presented by Starostka. Meeting minutes were available for review ten days prior to the meeting.

Meeting minutes from the January 3, 2013 meeting were presented. Rutten moved to approve the minutes as amended. Robinson seconds the motion. With roll call, motion carries 9-0.

Robinson motions to open the public hearing for the purposes of changes to the Commercial Biodegradable Waste regulations. Beckstrom seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 9-0. Public hearing opens at 7:09 p.m.

Public present were Les Denning, Central City, Todd Anderson, Grand Island, Tim McDonell, Central City. Concerns by the Commission remains the stockpiling of the product and the ability to apply the product especially in the winter. Beckstrom expressed concern that there should be a shorter time period in which the product must be applied. A proposed addition to the regulations would be to #12 which would state "All permits will be in effect for three (3) months form the date of issuance. Application of product must be done within forty five (45) days of initial delivery. Approved permit applicant is responsible for all compliance." The Commission reiterated that they continue to support this product coming into the County, but due to issues in the past there is a continued need to regulate it. Beckstrom moves to approve said regulations with amendment and recommend approval to the Merrick County Board of Supervisors. Robinson seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 9-0.

Ohlman motions to close the public hearing. Rutten seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 9-0. Public hearing closes 8:02 p.m.

No public comment.

Next meeting January 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Starostka adjourns meeting at 8:15 p.m.

