



Greeley County Board Minutes



Greeley County Commissioner Minutes

The Greeley County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 1:00 p.m. on the 28th day of May, 2019 in the Boardroom, Greeley County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Greeley Citizen.

Answering present at Roll Call were Michael Goldfish, Jordan Foltz and Joe Leslie. Also present was County Attorney Cindy Bassett and County Clerk Mindy Grossart. Chairman Goldfish stated a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the boardroom and copies are available for the public if requested. Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Leslie to waive the reading and approve the county board minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting, second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

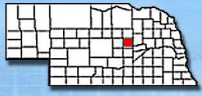
The Board reviewed an Agreement from GIS Workshop for Planning & Zoning. Motion made by Foltz to approve the three year agreement, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Leslie to set the BOE Protest Hearing Dates July 9th at 2:00 p.m., July 16th & 23rd at 10:00 a.m., second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Foltz to approve the Central Sandhill's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Foltz moved to open a public hearing at 1:15 p.m., second by Leslie. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The public hearing is for a special use permit applied for by US Cellular/Bradley Christensen-Owner, legal description NW ¼ NW ¼ and Lot 1 S-8 T-17 R-12. Franz Trumler, Planning & Zoning Administrator advised the Board the P&Z Commission approved the Special Use Permit with a 7-0 vote. Bradley Christensen spoke in favor of the permit. No one spoke in opposition. Motion made by Leslie to close the public hearing at 1:22 p.m., second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to approve the Special Use Permit for US Cellular/Bradley Christensen, second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Leslie to open a public hearing at 1:30 p.m., second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. The purpose of the public hearing is for a special use permit for Bluestem Energy Solutions to construct a Wind Farm. Franz Trumler, Planning & Zoning Administrator advised the Board the P&Z Commission approved the Special Use Permit with a 5-0 vote. Matt Robinette, Vice President of Development with Blue Stem Energy Solutions testified in favor of the permit. Also speaking in favor of the permit were Russ Bloom, Mike Wood, David Winter, Darrell Cook, Galen Barnes & Peggy Petersen. No one testified in opposition to the special use permit. Motion made by Leslie to close the public hearing at 1:41 p.m., second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Leslie moved to approve the Special Use Permit for Bluestem Energy Solutions with stipulations, second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. 1) Applicant must satisfy all applicable Agency requirements before construction begins; 2) this Special Use Permit only permits wind energy development and does NOT permit any solar development; 3) Blue Stem and the County of Greeley shall enter into a written contract and agreement regarding the building up and maintenance of any county road used during any phase of the construction, maintenance, and/or decommissioning of wind towers, turbines, and any appurtenant structures built and/or used by Blue Stem in this project before such roads are used in the construction, maintenance, and/or decommissioning process; 4) representatives of Blue Stem shall report to the



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Greeley County Zoning Board twice every calendar year, to advise and inform the Board of the progress and status of this project; 5) this Special Use Permit only allows Blue Stem to transmit a maximum of 115 megawatts of energy and does NOT permit any expansion of transmission of energy over 115 megawatts; 6) Blue Stem shall secure a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) within thirty (36) months of the date of the Greeley County Zoning Board approval of this Special Use Permit. If said PPA is not secured, and a copy of said agreement remitted to the Greeley County Zoning Board before the above described date, this Special Use Permit will become null and void. In the event Blue Stem does not secure a PPA before the above described date, Blue Stem will be required to apply for a new Special Use Permit.

Next, the Board reviewed the NACO BCBS Subgroup application for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The NACO BCBS overall rates for the group health insurance will have under a 1% increase. After discussion, Leslie moved, second by Foltz to approve the NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield Subgroup Application. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Continued discussion on a claim submitted by D&MJ Farm Inc. by Harlan Hansen dated 5/10/2019 for labor & tractor use on Road Repairs from March 14 –May 9th \$1,200. Leslie moved to deny the claim, second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Walter Bjorklund and State of Nebraska Department of Agriculture Weed Inspector David Boschult were present with the 2018 reports and requirements on Greeley County Weed Control. David advised the Board there are still 16 open files in Greeley County, one case was closed since last year. He explained to the Board that the infestation needs to be controlled for three consecutive years for a case to be closed.

County payroll and vendor claims were reviewed by the board. Motion made by Leslie to approve payroll and claims, second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. GENERAL: Deanna Lindsley service 300, Debra Lyons service 300. GENERAL FUND: Salaries, 24,444.79, EFTPS Matching SS, 1,870.02, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 1,633.09, Blue Cross Blue Shield, 16,937.20, ROAD FUND: Salaries, 12,247.34, EFTPS Matching SS, ,936.91, Ameritas Life Ins. Corp, Matching County Retirement, 826.69.

Colleen Hansen and David Winter spoke during public comment.

Motion by Leslie to adjourn at 2:12 p.m., second by Foltz. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2019.

Michael Goldfish, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mindy A. Grossart
Greeley County Clerk