

LAND USE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: October 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. County Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Ferguson – Chair, Aaron Kammeyer, Melonie Tilley, Jay Wickenhauser and Claro Carter. Also, present, Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- Betsy Shifflet asked the committee if the county had any knowledge of a proposed solar development with Prairie Flats Solar, LLC. Ferguson indicated that he had heard of a possibility of a solar farm containing 500 acres. No one from Prairie Flats Solar has contacted the county. Mrs. Shifflet presented the committee with an aerial map and a portion of a lease agreement.
- General discussion pertaining to whether a municipality has some type of approval or denial of a solar farm that would be within a mile and a half of its boundaries.
- Committee continued discussion on the proposed changes to the solar ordinance. Ferguson would like to ask the RPC to look into language establishing an off-setting nuisance payment to non-participating owners/good neighbor policy along with language about zoning control around the mile and a half municipality boundary. Will add these two items to the proposed revisions with the RPC addressing.
- Motion by Kammeyer, 2nd by Tilley to approve last month's minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Discussion on placing on the full board agenda an extension of three months to continue to allow the RPC, ZBA and County Board to work on revisions to the Solar and Wind ordinances. Motion originally passed on April 22, 2021.
- September zoning report submitted.
- Motion by Tilley, 2nd by Kammeyer to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approve last months' minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.