

Stutsman County Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes – March 14, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Planning and Zoning Commission Vice Chairman Brian Amundson. Roll call taken. Present were Duane Anderson, Dale Marks, Dave Schwartz, Dan Buchanan, Thomas Schultz, Tyler Perleberg. Not present was: Katie Anderson and Paul Bensch.

Others in attendance: Steff Basgaard *from Knife River Materials*.

A motion was made by Dan Buchanan to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting. Motion seconded by Dave Schwartz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Schwartz to nominate Brian Amundson to Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Dan Buchanan. Motion carried. Dan Buchanan made a motion to nominate Dale Marks to Vice Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Dave Schwartz, motion carried.

Tyler Perleberg, Zoning Administrator, reported that an application was received for a conditional use permit from Knife River Materials for aggregate mining and operation of a hot mix asphalt plant, located approximately 6 miles west of Pingree along Highway 36.

*(Section 3, T142, R66, and Section 34, T143, R66)*

Steff Basgaard of Knife River Materials spoke about the aggregate mining project. He presented the board with maps for the location of the project near the Paul & Marleen Councilman residence. He stated they have already cleared everything with the Councilmans, and are in the process of talking with North Dakota Game and Fish to ensure that no easements are encroached upon. He said the project will consist of approximately 40,000 tons of hot mix asphalt material to make, some road base and some shouldering that would be made out of the pit.

Mr. Basgaard stated that a representative of Knife River Materials has spoken with Stutsman County Road Superintendent Mickey Nenow, and a pre-inspection haul-load agreement has been discussed.

He stated that the hours of operation for the asphalt plant will be 24 hours a day, 6 days a week for the crushing. He stated that 40,000 tons of hot mix asphalt would take approximately 2 weeks to finish.

Dan Buchanan asked when work was expected to begin. Mr. Basgaard stated that equipment has already been set up at the Councilman pit, and he expected work to begin middle of April.

Dan Buchanan also asked about Knife River's plan to deal with dust that is produced from the plant. Mr. Basgaard stated that the nearest residence is approximately 2 miles away from the project and doesn't foresee an issue with dust. He also stated that if they incur gravel roads, they do water the roads and sometimes spray calcium chloride for dust control.

Zoning Administrator Tyler Perleberg stated he did notify the surrounding land owners and they were informed of the project. Perleberg stated to the board that he did not hear any feedback, good or bad, about this project.

A motion was made by Duane Anderson to recommend for approval of the project to the County Commissioners. Seconded by Dave Schwartz. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Dave Schwartz. Seconded by Duane Anderson. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.