

MINUTES OF THE
KEARNEY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
January 9th, 2023

Notice was published in the local paper. The agenda was kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Zoning Administrator.

A meeting of the Kearney County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman John Kuehn in the Assembly room of the Courthouse in Minden, Nebraska Kearney County at 7:05 pm on January 9th, 2023.

All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public and in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

Roll Call:

Members Present: John Kuehn, Chris Hopkins chairman for Heartwell proxy for John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Patty Lundeen, Dawn Thompson

Members Absent: Jody Casper, Kevin Raun, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson

Also, present: Kearney County Zoning Administrator Joseph Anderson

Chairman John Kuehn stated that since there were people present to speak about the former Halimage Dairy that he would allow them to give an update on the former dairy.

Duane Kristensen gave an update that there are some people that approached him about forming a partnership and trying to reopen the former Halimage Dairy. And wanted to update the board to try and answer any questions and try to keep from too many untrue rumors from going around.

Allissa Troyer with Nebraska Department of Ag (NDA) also spoke about the people that would like to purchase and run the dairy.

Some of the Board members explained some of the previous issues that there were at the dairy and maybe some of the issues that there may be in getting approval.

Chairman John Kuehn asked if everyone had a chance to look over the minutes from the previous meeting on June 27th, 2022. After reviewing minutes Dawn Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Patty Lundeen.

Aye: John Kuehn, Chris Hopkins chairman for Heartwell proxy for John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Patty Lundeen, Dawn Thompson

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: Jody Casper, Kevin Raun, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson

Chairman John Kuehn stated that this is the first meeting of the year that the board needed to reorganize. Patty Lundeen made a motion to keep the same chairman, vice chairman, and secretary as last year.

John Kuehn – Chairman

Dawn Thompson – Vice Chairman

Joseph Anderson – Secretary.

Malcom Dornhoff Seconded

Aye: John Kuehn, Chris Hopkins chairman for Heartwell proxy for John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Patty Lundeen, Dawn Thompson

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: Jody Casper, Kevin Raun, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson

Chairman John Kuehn asked if everyone had a chance to review the proposals for updating the Kearney County Comprehensive plan and zoning regulations. Kearney County had received 3 proposals

Five Rule - \$32,300

Hanna Keelan - \$38,000

Marvin Planning - \$34,100

After discussing and review of the proposals Patty Lundeen made the motion to recommend Hanna Keelan since they have done the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations in the past and have been very happy with job that they did. Dawn Thompson Seconded.

Aye: John Kuehn, Chris Hopkins chairman for Heartwell proxy for John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Patty Lundeen, Dawn Thompson

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: Jody Casper, Kevin Raun, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson

Joseph Anderson gave the board an update on the appeal that Olsen Cattle Company had filled with the Kearney County Board of Zoning Adjustments. They had requested a continuance of the appeal and indicated that they are planning on going a different way on getting approval from Kearney County.

Chairman John Kuehn asked if there was any other business that needed to be discussed. With no other business Dawn Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 9:09 pm seconded by Malcom Dornhoff.

Aye: John Kuehn, Chris Hopkins chairman for Heartwell proxy for John Harris, Malcom Dornhoff, Patty Lundeen, Dawn Thompson

Nay: NONE

Members Absent: Jody Casper, Kevin Raun, Terry Buettner, Tom Anderson

Next Meeting will be set at a later date.