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Hardin County Board of Adjustment Thursday, October 18, 2018 6:00 PM, Hardin County Engineer's Office

Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM – Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: Deb, James, Leslie, and Roger were present. Ben Speck absent.

Chad Skinner (FTC Tower Company), Daniel Sterk (Austin Powder Company), Robin Sampson (Summit Farms), and Jane Knutson (Iowa Falls Airport) were also present.

Agenda approval: Les made a motion to approve the agenda, Deb seconded, motion passed.

Minutes approval: James made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting (3/15/18), Les seconded, motion passed.

Discussion on proposed 300', guyed tower near Hubbard: The purpose of both this telecommunications tower and the proposed tower near Buckeye is to improve communications between emergency personnel. This was triggered by 9/11. There will be a light at the top of the tower and at the midpoint. Both lights will be white during the day and red at night. It was discussed to make immediately installing lights to the tower a condition of the permit. An FAA "Notice of No Presumed Hazard" letter has been issued for this site.

Les made a motion to set a public hearing date and time for the Hubbard telecommunications tower application, Deb seconded, motion passed.

Discussion on proposed 195', guyed tower near Buckeye: The purpose of this telecommunications tower is to improve communications between emergency personnel. This was triggered by 9/11. Upon initial application to the FAA, the FAA denied the request for a 300' tower due to proximity to the Iowa Falls Airport. They stated that the maximum height that would be allowed at that location would be 200'. FTC Tower Company has reapplied for FAA approval with changing the tower height to 195'. They are waiting to receive a "No Presumed Hazard" letter but expect to receive one upon review by the FAA due to the wording in the first letter. If the company hasn't received the final letter from the FAA, it was requested that the Board consider approving the permit with approval of the FAA being a condition of approval before building begins. It has also been requested to make lighting at least the top of the tower a condition of approval of the permit.

James made a motion to set a public hearing date for the Buckeye telecommunications tower application, Deb seconded, motion passed.



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Discussion on proposed “Magazine Site” to store oxidizer, blasting agent, and high explosives: Austin Powder Company (applicant) has been in business since 1833. Their request is to build a “Magazine Site” which would store oxidizer, blasting agent, and high explosives. The site would include storage buildings, an office, and a parking lot. There has not been an incident “explosion” in all the years the company has been in business. There is a secondary containment for fertilizer – so no mixing of chemicals. Some questions by the Board were: what is the response time to get to the site in case there is a breach/incident? Does an alert go to the Sheriff’s office? Can a list of products and containment procedures be brought to the next meeting? What will be the cost of the project? An invite has been extended to Taylor Roll (Radcliffe Mayor) and potentially the Radcliffe fire chief to attend the public hearing.

Les made a motion to set a public hearing date and time for the “Magazine Site” application, Deb seconded, motion passed.

Les made a motion to set the public hearing dates and times for 6:00 PM, 6:01 PM, and 6:02 PM on November 8, 2018 at the Hardin County Engineer’s Office Conference Room, James seconded, motion passed.

Other business: The proposed Verizon tower from the public hearing on March 15, 2018 has received FAA approval.

James made a motion to make final approval of the conditional use permit for that site, Deb seconded, motion passed.

Adjournment: James made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Les seconded, motion passed.