

Hardin County Zoning Adjustment Board

Monday, August 4, 2014

6:00 p.m., Hardin County Engineer's Office

Minutes

On Monday, August 4, 2014, Meeting of the Hardin County Board of Adjustment was called to order. Roll call was called and the following members were present: Annette Sweeney, Les Raisch, Eric Ross, Don Knoell Zoning Administrator and Jenny Anderson was on speaker on cell phone so she could set in on meeting. Guests were Steve Thompson CEO of Optimum Renewables, Nick LaVelle, Jay LaVelle, Jane Kadolph, Cindy Litwiller, Robert Richtsmeier, Glen Carpenter, Lance Granzow and Marc Broer.

Motion was asked for on the minutes of July 7, 2014 as mailed. Eric Ross made the motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014, seconded by Les Raisch. All ayes, motion carried.

A public hearing was scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. on the request of Leonardo Wind 3 LLC permit to construct a 493ft wind turbine on land owned by Frances M. & E. Lester Williams Trust on SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 11-87-20 and the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 14-87-20, but with the lack of Adjustment Board members that would not be able to attend a new date was picked for August 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The public hearing for Leonardo Wind 3 LLC was opened at 6:05 p.m. on August 4, 2014. Steve Thompson CEO for Optimum Renewables and representative for Leonardo talked to the adjustment board about constructing a 493ft wind turbine at this new location. This would move the turbine south and farther west then the original site that was talked about in December 16, 2013 hearing. This would move it farther from any residences and farther away from an airplane runway. Discussion was opened to the public and why they did not want the turbine put in at this location and if Optimum Renewables would consider moving it to a different location. Steve Thompson explained that they would have trouble hooking to the grid of Alliant Energy in new location. A couple of property owners who constructed new houses or is in the process of constructing a new house did not want to see a wind turbine in the area. Representatives of the airport said it would still cause turbulence for the airplanes that would use this airstrip and for sprayers that land here for refilling.

With the discussion through, Eric Ross asked for a motion to accept Leonardo Wind 3 LLC special use permit, it lack for a second. Motion died. Jenny Anderson made a motion not to approve the special use permit, seconded by Les Raisch. Roll call vote: Annette Sweeney, yes; Les Raisch, yes; Eric Ross, yes; Jenny Anderson, yes. Motion carried not to approve the permit.

With no other matters before this board a motion was made by Eric Ross, seconded by Annette Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by,

Don Knoell, Zoning Administrator

Attested:

Jenny Anderson, Secretary