

Jones County Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes May 17, 2021 4:30 p.m.

Members present:

Tim Fay, Chairman
Keith Stamp
Jim McElheny
Kristina Doll

Member absent:

Lowell Tiedt

Staff present:

Michele Lubben, Jones County Land Use Administrator

Visitors present:

None

Fay called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by McElheny seconded by Stamp to approve the agenda to the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stamp seconded by McElheny to approve the meeting minutes for the April 13, 2021 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed the lot size requirements and setbacks as it relates to agricultural animals within the Residential District. Stamp proposed imposing regulations on animals within the Residential District to Jones County Farm Bureau President, Dominic Hogan. Hogan had no issues with the proposal. The Commission discussed both large and intermediate sized animals along with chickens and rooster requirements. The Land Use Administrator will review ordinances with chickens and contact Linn County with questions on the Agricultural Exemption and their maximum animal densities in the residential districts.

Motion by McElheny seconded by Stamp to table the discussion on adding restrictions to the Zoning Ordinance to limit agricultural animals within the Residential District. All aye. Motion carried.

Next, McElheny introduced the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Review. The Commission discussed the background of the Comprehensive Plan, goals, objectives and a timeline of the project. In addition, the Commission reviewed Exercise #1 to review what has occurred from 2012 to 2022 and Exercise #2 Influencers which will likely drive or direct change in the planning period horizon. The Planning & Zoning Commission is to review, add, delete and rank both exercises before the next meeting.

The Commission reviewed and discussed updates to the Jones County Subdivision Ordinance. The Commission discussed implementing a minor subdivision process for an expedited platting and fee process. The Commission was given the outline of changes proposed.

Next meeting, if needed will be June 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Deadline for the meeting will be June 2, 2021.

Motion by McElheny seconded by Stamp to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.