

CALL TO ORDER

THE TURNER COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MET ON TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 2024, IN THE TURNER COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMMISSION ROOM. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:15AM BY CO-CHAIRMAN MILLER.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESET WERE CO-CHAIRMAN MILLER, COMMISSIONER CIAMPA, COMMISSIONER MEYER, ALTERNATE AUSTIN AND ALTERNATE WIEMAN. COUNTY STAFF PRESENT WAS PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR DAISY JOHNSON.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

CO-CHAIRMAN MILLER ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY CHANGES TO THE MEETING AGENDA. NO CHANGES PROPOSED. A MOTION TO APPROVE TODAY'S AGENDA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MEYER. A SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CIAMPA. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN YEAS: ALL NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

CO-CHAIRMAN MILLER ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY CHANGES TO THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2024, MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALTERNATE AUSTIN TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2024. A SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CIAMPA. A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: ALL NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AT 10:50AM A HEARING WAS HELD FOR EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC AND SMIT FAMILY FARMS, LLC WHO PETITIONED THE BOARD FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. JERAE WIRE AND JOHN AUS WERE PRESENT FROM EAST RIVER ELECTRIC AND TODD NELSON WAS PRESENT FROM SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC. JERAE WIRE EXPLAINED THAT THEY WISH TO WITHDRAW THEIR APPLICATION. THEY PLAN TO REAPPLY WITH THE CORRECT CONDITIONAL USE OF THE PROJECT BEING AN ELECTRIC SUBSTATION. EAST RIVER ELECTRIC PREPARED AND PROVIDED A PRESENTATION. THEY PRESENTED THE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING. AFTER THE PRESENTATION, THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR OPPOSITION AND QUESTIONS. LYNETTE ALMOND SPOKE IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROJECT. SHE HAS CONCERNS ABOUT THE HEALTH RISKS INCLUDING NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS. SHE IS ALSO CONCERNED OF THE LOCATION BEING CLOSE TO HER HOME AND OTHERS AS WELL AS THE SCHOOL AND CITY OF HURLEY. LYNETTE EXPRESSED THE CONCERN OF PROPERTY VALUES. ANGIE BOYER SPOKE IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROJECT. SHARING CONCERNS OF LOCATION TO TOWN AND HER HOME. ASKED QUESTIONS OF FUTURE GROWTH OF THE SITE IF IT WERE TO PASS. JIM WAGNER ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT EMFS AND THE EQUIPMENT INSIDE OF THE SUBSTATION. JOAN WAGNER SPOKE IN OPPOSITION SHARING CONCERNS OF PROPERTY VALUE, LOCATION IN RELATION TO THE SCHOOL. SHARED FEELINGS THAT THIS PROJECT WAS NOT ADVERTISED AND FEELS ITS HARMING THE AREA. MITCH PETERSON SPOKE IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROJECT. KATHY AND DAVE SMIT SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT STATING THAT MORE POWER IS NEEDED AND WANTS TO HELP WITH FUTURE NEEDS. BARBARA STESKAL SPOKE ABOUT THE PROJECT. IT WAS SHARED BY BOARD MEMBER TONY CIAMPA THAT THE EASTER RIVER ELECTRIC OR

SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COULD GAVE MORE INFORMATION TO NEIGHBORS OR SENT OUT SOME KIND OF BROCHURE. TODD NELSON FROM SOUTHEASTERN EXPRESSED THAT MORE COULD HAVE BEEN DONE ON HIS SIDE OF THINGS TO GET INFORMATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT HIS PROPOSED PROJECT. RYAN WIEMAN SPOKE ABOUT BUILDING WITH FUTURE GROWTH IN MIND. DISCUSSION WAS HELD BY THE BOARD WITH THE APPLICANTS ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

PUBLIC INPUT

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC INPUT.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

NO OTHER ADDITIONAL ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED. THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 10,2024.

ADJOURNMENT

AT 12:10PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CIAMPA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. A SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WIEMAN. A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN. YEAS: ALL NAYS: NONE. MEETING ADJOURNED.