

# **Johnson County Plan Commission**

## **June 7, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**

The Johnson County Advisory Plan Commission met on Monday, June 7, 2021 in the Johnson County Courthouse Annex Auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Nathan Bush.

### **I. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Chad Bowman, Nathan Bush, Gregg Cantwell, Chris Kinnett, John Schilling, Pat Vercauteren, Ron West, Attorney Jeremy Fisk (Legal Counsel - not voting), Michele Hansard (Director – not voting) and Angela Olson (Recording Secretary – not voting).

**Absent:** Charlie Canary, Pete Ketchum and Jonathan Myers (Alternate)

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### **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Review and confirmation of changes to the Solar Panel Farms and Wind Power Ordinance took place amongst staff and board members.

**Motion:** To confirm the following changes (indicated in red) of the Solar Panel Farms and Wind Power Ordinance and present with favorable recommendation to the County Commissioners for approval:

#### **SOLAR ENERGY**

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**Accessory Solar Energy Conversion System (SECS)** -A SECS that is part of the structure of a residence or business or part of the permitted yard of a residence or business and which is designed to provide electrical power, heating or cooling, or water heating only for the residence or business.

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v. Costs Incurred by the County: If the County has removed WECS and appurtenant facilities, it may sell the salvage to defray the costs of removal. The permittee or grantor shall grant a license to Johnson

#### **WIND ENERGY**

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associated with SECS. These regulations allow solar energy conversion systems, solar farms and facilities and other solar energy devices in certain areas, and, therefore, do not have the effect of unreasonably restricting the use of such facilities other than for the preservation and protection of the public health and safety. **These** regulations are not intended to and do not have the effect of significantly increasing the cost of such systems, decreasing the efficiency of such systems, or impeding alternative systems of comparable cost and efficiency. Standards and criteria for Solar Energy Conversion Systems shall be as follows:

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i. The Director may require an applicant to obtain site plan approval, prior to issuance of an improvement location permit, from the Johnson County Technical Review Committee **as set forth by 162 FERC ¶61.012 (2018) at P23**, where engineering design standards shall be based on Subdivision Control Ordinance requirements and any other applicable authority.

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v. Costs Incurred by the County: If the County **has removed** SECS and appurtenant facilities, it may sell the salvage to defray the costs of removal. The permittee or grantor shall grant a license to Johnson County to enter the property to remove the SECS pursuant to the terms of an approved decommissioning plan.

**Moved** by Pat Vercauteren. **Seconded** by Chad Bowman. **Yes:** Bowman, Bush, Cantwell, Kinnett, Schilling, Vercauteren and West. **No:** None. **Motion approved 7-0.**

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### **III. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Nathan Bush called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM.

**Motion:** Adjourn the meeting. **Moved** by Ron West. **Seconded** by Gregg Cantwell. **Yes:** Bowman, Bush, Cantwell, Kinnett, Schilling, Vercauteren and West. **No:** None. **Motion approved 7-0.**

Approved on: June 28, 2021

By:

  
Nathan Bush, Chairman

Attested By:

  
Pat Vercauteren, Secretary