

# Mason County Planning & Zoning Department

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November 28, 2017 **(SPECIAL)**

Minutes of the Mason County Planning Commission special meeting held at 102 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Scottville on November 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Hooper, Janet Andersen, Doug Robidoux, Frank Redmond, Mike Shaw, Jim Wincek

MEBERS ABSENT: Cary Shineldecker (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Reilly, Cayla Christmas, Ron Redick

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Tom Hooper.

Meeting Minutes: None

Addition or deletions to the agenda: None

Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: Ron Redick reviewed the resolutions titled "Resolution Regarding the Spring 2017 Post-Construction Sound Study at the Consumers Lake Winds Energy Project". He reviewed correspondence from Consumers Energy dated November 13 and a response letter from Mike Hankard dated November 20. Mr. Redick reviewed the substance of the two draft resolutions being considered by the Planning Commission.

Ron Redick stated versions 1 and 2 of the resolutions differ only in reference to continued operations at locations 2 and 6. Mr. Redick stated version 2 requires that location 2 (Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) 6 and 15) and 6 (WTG 28) remain in NRO Mode 2 until further testing can be performed to determine compliance in spring 2018.

Doug Robidoux stated he favored version 2 until "we can get the data we need, we need to hold that line".

Mike Shaw stated that version 2 was the best alternative.

Janet Andersen stated the Planning Commission is responsible to get the robust data that Mr. Hankard determined is needed. She stated that the board is obligated to keep the turbines at location 2 and 6 in NRO Mode 2 until spring testing.

1 Frank Redmond agreed with version 2, "we owe it to the residents in the area to do the  
2 best that we can."

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4 Tom Hooper stated he favored version 2. "We need good data. Data we can rely on".  
5 Mr. Hooper stated taking an average is concerning because "shall not exceed" does not  
6 mean an average.

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8 Mary Reilly explained the metric in the Zoning Ordinance is an average (Leq) and  
9 testing is based on ANSI standards.

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11 Frank Redmond made a motion to adopt version 2 of the "Resolution Regarding the  
12 Spring 2017 Post-Construction Sound Study at the Consumers Lake Winds Energy  
13 Project" as written. Second by Doug Robidoux. Roll call vote:

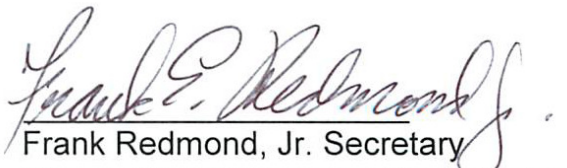
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15 Frank Redmond – yes, Janet Andersen – yes, Mike Shaw – yes, Jim Wincek – yes,  
16 Tom Hooper – yes, Doug Robidoux – yes. Motion carried, 6 yes 0 no.

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18 Zoning Director's Report: None.

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20 ZBA Report: None.

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22 Public Comment: Evelyn Bergaila stated she appreciates the board adopting version 2.  
23 Ms. Bergaila stated there has been a learning curve for everyone about what Leq  
24 means. Ms. Bergaila stated when Bruce Patterson agreed to a 45 dBA limit, he never  
25 meant for 45 to be an average but instead a maximum. Ms. Bergaila suggested  
26 changing the language to a "maximum of 45 dBA" and not using an average.

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28 Tom Hooper adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

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Frank Redmond, Jr. Secretary  
Mason County Planning Commission