

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes for July 7th, 2008

Members Present:

Jim Baker, Meagan Bradshaw, Guy Boone, Elmer Chewning, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, and Jerry Mercer

Members Absent:

R. B. Anderson, Henry Blessing, Deborah Looney, and Robert Trobaugh

Others Present:

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary; Jonathan Sweet Bland County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 PM, Planning Commission Chairman Jerry Mercer called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was given and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Joel Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2nd, 2008 meeting. Vice Chairman Chewning made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 2nd, 2008 meeting; Commissioner Kelley provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

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PUBLIC HEARING

***Public Hearing** for Lesley Tickle to operate a (23) Commercial Stables, with a conditional use permit within an Agricultural District: Tax Map #'s 69-A-58, 70-A-1, and 70-A-2; located on the north side of State Hwy 42 (East Blue Grass Trl), Approx. ½ mile east of the intersection of State Hwy 738 (Byrnes Chapel Rd).

Mr. Sam Tickle presented a brief description of the proposed use to include: 285'x 50' Structure, 20 stalls; washroom, feed rooms, etc.. Existing Stable Business is located in Wythe County and holds 13 horses at present.

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Mercer. There being no one registered to speak, Chairman Mercer closed the public hearing.

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to recommend a conditional use permit to the Board of Supervisors with no conditions. Commissioner Baker made the motion; Vice-Chairman Chewning provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

***Public Hearing** for Tectonic Engineering Consultants, subcontractor for Verizon; to receive public comments regarding the potential effect upon historic properties, from the installation of self-supporting telecommunication towers of various heights;
Tax Map #'s: 104-A-37; 250 foot tower @1831 Shewey Valley Road
131-A-31; 200 foot tower @1945 Birch Grove Road
106-A-37; 250 foot tower @ 4508 South Scenic Highway
69-A-79; 250 foot tower @ 9423 East Bluegrass Trail
80-A-40; 250 foot tower @6219 Walker Creek Road

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Mercer. Mr. Lonnie Keen was registered to speak, but declined, stating he had no information regarding the potential effect upon historic properties. Chairman Mercer closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Secretary will send a letter to Tectonic Engineering stating that no public input was received.

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NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Kelley provided the second, Chairman Mercer obliged and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland