

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for February 2nd, 2009

Members Present:

R.B. Anderson, Jim Baker, Henry Blessing, Meagan Bradshaw, Guy Boone, Elmer Chewning, Stephen Kelley, Deborah Looney, Jerry Mercer, and Robert Trobaugh

Members Absent:

John Dodson

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Cagle invited a motion to nominate a chairman of the Bland County Planning Commission for the ensuing 2009 year. Commissioner Chewning made the motion to nominate Commissioner Mercer for the position of Chairman, Commissioner Anderson made the second. A motion was then made by Commissioner Boone to close the nominations for chairman, Commissioner Trobaugh provided a second. The nomination for Commissioner Mercer to serve again as Chairman was passed unanimously.

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to nominate a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Commissioner Chewning made a motion to nominate Commissioner Baker as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Kelley provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman Mercer invited a motion to appoint a Secretary for the ensuing year. Commissioner Kelley made a motion to appoint Joel K. Cagle as Secretary. Commissioner Boone provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to appoint a Deputy Secretary for the ensuing year. Commissioner Baker made a motion to appoint Jonathan Sweet as Deputy Secretary. Commissioner Looney provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1st, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Kelley made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 1st, 2008 meeting; Commissioner Trobaugh provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

*An application from William Frazier Hylton, Jr, requesting rezoning from Agricultural to Commercial as well as two Conditional Use Permits to operate a Construction sales and service (32), and Dwelling, accessory (22); both permitted uses require a CUP.

Mrs. Hylton approached the Planning Commission and explained the purposed use of the property. The intention is to utilize existing space in a garage as storage of HVAC material and possibly some minimal work performed that would consist of forming the duct material. Mrs. Hylton explained that the work is usually performed on the job site. She also stated that if the business grew and expanded, they would relocate from their garage to a bigger site. The rezoning and two CUP's are to comply with existing Bland County Zoning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Looney to conduct a public hearing on March 2nd, 2009 to receive public comment on the application from Frazier Hylton, Jr, to be rezoned from Agricultural to Commercial as well as two Conditional Use Permits to operate a Construction sales and service (32), and Dwelling, accessory (22). Vice-Chairman Baker provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

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*An application from Affordable Tractor Inc., for a CUP to locate a farm machinery and equipment sales and service operation (42) on a commercial site formerly known as the Marathon/Blue Flash Service Station, Bland, VA.

Mr. Sweet spoke on behalf of Mr. Bud White, owner of Affordable Tractors, who could not attend the meeting. Mr. Sweet spoke of the purposed services that would be provided by Affordable Tractors. They will have farm machinery and supplies upon opening, as well as there are plans to operate a repair service in the future.

Commissioner Looney made a motion to conduct a public hearing on March 2nd, 2009 to receive public comment on the application from Affordable Tractors, requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a farm machinery and equipment sales and service operation (42) in a Commercial District. Commission Boone provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

*A short discussion on the upcoming Wind Energy Ordinance was presented by Mr. Sweet. It was stated that the Commission would be receiving an informational packet to review prior to the next Planning Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Chewning made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Boone provided the second, Chairman Mercer obliged and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland