Planning Commission Minutes of the Proceedings - Final

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Laramie County Planning Commission
Prepared by the Laramie County Planning & Development Office
Laramie County, Wyoming

Thursday, July 25, 2024

3:30 PM

Commissioners Board Room

Call To Order

Chairman Caughey called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present Jason Caughey, Jack Stadel, Natacha Gaspar,

Mark Smith

Excused John Watkins

Approval of Minutes

Consideration of the Minutes of the Proceedings for July 11, 2024.

24 - 377

Attachments: PC 7.11.24 Draft

Jack Stadel moved, seconded by Mark Smith to approve the Minutes of the Proceedings for July 11, 2024. Vote 4-0.

Aye: Caughey, Stadel, Gaspar, Smith

Excused: Watkins

Land Use: Variances/Board App./Plats

PUBLIC HEARING regarding a Solar Energy Site Plan and Solar Energy Permit for the Cowboy Solar I & II Project.

<u>24 - 380</u>

Attachments: PZ-24-00015 LCPC STAFF REPORT PKG 07.25.24

2024-0112 Cowboy I Overall Site Plan 2024-0112 Cowboy II Overall Site Plan

Bryce Hamilton, Planner, gave an update on the proposed Cowboy Solar I and II Project. Three of the conditions that were placed on the project earlier have been addressed with one condition awaiting final approval from the Board of County Commissioners. This approval/disapproval had been postponed from the March 28, 2024 meeting so concerns raised at the prior hearing could be resolved.

Enbridge, Inc. is the applicant for this 3485 acre solar energy system situated on 5480

acres of lease land north of Chalk Bluff Road. The agreement for the Chalk Bluffs Road improvements is going through the review process with final approval by the BOCC.

Christian Dick, Project Development Director, was present to answer questions and gave a presentation on the company and this project.

Chairman Caughey opened the Public Hearing. Comments in opposition of the project were heard from:

- 1. Ed Prosser 1200 Chalk Bluffs Road Impacts to US 85 intersection.
- 2. Kody Malmberg 6510 Road 203 Amount of traffic at US 85 intersection.
- 3. Marc Torriani 105 Road 161 High risk for benefit, batteries fire suppression.
- 4. Jacob Wasserburger 420 W. 23rd Street Non-viable economically.
- 5. Kathy Scigliano 5512 Constitution Project isn't supported by community.

There being no further public comments Chairman Caughey closed the public hearing and called for a motion and discussion.

Mark Smith made a motion, seconded by Natacha Gaspar to adopt the findings of facts a, b, c, and d of the staff report and to recommend the Board of County Commissioners adopt the five conditions outlined in the staff report. Vote 4-0.

Aye: Caughey, Stadel, Gaspar, Smith

Excused: Watkins

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

True and correct copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings for Thursday, July 25, 2024.

Approved by the Laramie County Planning Commission on Thursday, August 8, 2024.