APC minutes March 6th, 2024

President Marvin Rees called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The first item was to swear in new commissioner appointed board member Lesia King administered by attorney Geoff Wesling. Roll call: Jeff Amos, Kenny Aulbach, Denny Corn, Virgil Bremer, Kelly Land, Lesia King, Justin Orme, Mary Richardson, Marvin Rees, Geoff Wesling, Mike Holzback all present.

A request for a rezone from Max Rowe could not be heard since the required ten-day notice in the paper had not been met. Max provided documentation that he had taken it on February 22, but was not published until the 27th. He was advised to have it put back in the paper for the April 3rd meeting, but no further notification was required. Notices are not required to be posted on the Rush County Web site under legal notices. Denny Corn made a motion to continue seconded by Kenny Aulbach, all voted aye.

Discussion was held on where the comprehensive plan update is at. The Director has researched several counties for information on their solar and wind ordinances and will email this documentation out to all the board members. Member Lesia King brought up the fact there may be other issues in the ordinances but certainly solar has come to be a top issue. Other discussion was to see where the comprehensive plan direction will lead.

Discussion was held on the rules of procedure document. Mary was concerned about this document back in 2022. Changes may need to be made and Mary will do a red line copy for the board to review on the rules of procedure document. Attorney Geoff Wesling suggested a note taker and member Lesia King volunteered to take notes and minutes for the APC meetings. Member Jeff Amos asked if the APC board would have any participation if a large dairy proposal was applied for, this will be a BZA decision.

Through the meetings on the comprehensive plan discussion of possible opportunities for blight elimination, a problem in all small communities, programs and grants may become available to cover the costs. Attorney Geoff Wesling updated the board on upcoming litigation on three cases. President Marvin Rees called for a motion to adjourn, moved by Virgil Bremer seconded by Denny Corn, all voted ave.

President Marvin Rees

Secretary Kenny Aulbach

Mily Holgback Excenting Director