

## MINUTES

### Madison County Joint Planning Commission

Norfolk, Nebraska

The November 17, 2023, Meeting of the Madison County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Oswald at 7:00 p.m. in the Madison County Planning Department Conference Room, 1112 Bonita Drive, Norfolk, Nebraska.

#### **Call To Order/Roll Call- Consideration and/or action on:**

**Present:** Griffith, Brown, Oswald, Flood, Amen, and Milander

**Absent:** Westerman, Abler, Grosserode and Acklie

**Also Present:** Zoning Administrator Heather McWhorter, and Zoning Office Assistant Jennie Martinez

**Open Meetings Act:** Oswald stated that the Open Meetings Act will be followed.

**Proof of Publication:** Oswald stated the Proof of Publication Notice was published in the Norfolk Daily News.

Minutes-July 20, 2023: The minutes of the July 20, 2023, Madison County Joint Planning Commission meeting were presented.

Motion made by Griffith to approve the minutes and seconded by Milander.

Vote taken. Griffith, Oswald, Flood, Brown, Amen and Milander vote "Aye" none vote "Nay". Motion carried.

#### **Other Business-Discussion and /or action**

Oswald states that we are here to review and give a recommendation on a Conservation Easement Application transferred from The Warrick Family Trust, by Robert H. Warrick and Gudrun Warrick as Co-Trustees to Northern Prairies Land Trust, a South Dakota nonprofit corporation on property located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 24 North, Range 4 West, Madison County, Nebraska.

Heather explains the easement and the background of the easement. She states that what is needed from the Planning Commission is a recommendation in favor of or in opposition to the Conservation Easement and if it meets the Madison County Comprehensive Plan.

Heather states that the applicants do not intend to change the land from what it is presently being used for, therefore not changing the assessment of the property.

Discussion amongst the board consists of current use of the land, the purpose of the easement, what can be done to the property once the easement is granted, how long the easement is good for, pipeline and wind tower easements and soil types of the land.

Amen makes the following recommendation: Amen states the following the Planning Commission has reviewed this proposed conservation easement regarding the conformity to the Madison County Comprehensive Plan. In their opinion it does conform to the Comprehensive Plan of Madison County therefore, I make the motion that the Warrick Family Trust Conservation Easement located on the SW ¼ of Section 28, Township 24, and Range 4W in Madison County, Nebraska does meet the intent of the Madison County Comprehensive Plan.

Brown seconds the motion.

Vote taken Griffith, Oswald, Milander, Flood, Brown and Amen all voted "Aye." None vote "Nay."  
Motion carried.

**Administrators report:**

Zoning permits are discussed.

Nebraska Solar Conference was discussed.

Pitak session in West Point is discussed.

Winter meeting time change discussed. Future winter meetings will be held at 6 p.m.

Flood makes a motion to adjourn. Griffith seconds the motion. All vote "Aye". None vote "Nay".

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.