



## PLANNING COMMISSION

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**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:** A meeting of the Osceola County Planning Commission (Commission) was called to order by Rich Jacobs, Chair, at the Osceola County Courthouse on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Rich led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Commission members were present:

- a. Jim Custer
- b. Larry Emig
- c. Ken Ford, Secretary
- d. Peggy Graham
- e. Rich Jacobs, Chair
- f. Jerry Lindquist
- g. Greg White

Dan Massy, Recording Secretary, and eight members of the public were also present.

**2. Brief Public Comments:** The following individuals spoke in favor of the Michigan Potash project.

- a. Scot Boyd
- b. Rick Johnson
- c. Doug Bontekoe

During the public comments it became unclear whether a Commission member has a conflict of interest regarding the Michigan Potash Company Project. As a result, all business concerning the Michigan Potash Company was tabled until a decision on the conflict of interest is resolved.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

*(19-01) Motion by Larry Emig, supported by Jerry Lindquist, to approve the agenda with any business related to Michigan Potash Company being tabled. Motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Organizational (Annual) Meeting:** At the first meeting each year the Commission elects its officers, reviews its goals, and establishes meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

**a. Election of Officers:** The Chair turned the meeting over to the Recording Secretary.

(19-02) *Motion by Jerry Lindquist, supported by Larry Emig, to reappoint Rich Jacobs as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.*

The Recording Secretary returned the meeting back over to the Chair.

(19-03) *Motion by Larry Emig, supported by Greg White, to appoint Jerry Lindquist as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.*

(19-04) *Motion by Jerry Lindquist, supported by Peggy Graham, to reappoint Ken Ford as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.*

**b. Review of Goals:** The 2017-2018 goals were reviewed. *Investigate the potential of a winter farm market* was completed in 2017. *Monitor activities involving potash mining in Hersey Township, Obtain Connected 2.0 Certification, and Fill vacant slots on the Planning Commission* are ongoing. No action has been taken on *Provide a study of transportation which will include recommendations.*

The Commission elected to keep these as goals in 2019.

**c. Meeting Dates, Times, and Location:**

(19-05) *Motion by Larry Emig, supported by Jim Custer, to set April 18<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and October 17<sup>th</sup> as 2019 meeting dates.*

The time (4:00 p.m.) and location (County Courthouse) will remain the same as previous years.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of June 27, 2018:** Minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed. One discrepancy was noted. The motion to adjourn was made by either Ken Ford or Greg White as there is not a “Greg Ford” on the Commission.

(19-06) *Motion by Larry Emig, supported by Greg White, to approve the minutes as corrected. Recommendation carried unanimously.*

**6. Financial Report:** Dan presented the Financial Report. There have been no expenditures since the new fiscal year. There were no questions and the report was placed on file.

**7. Review of April 25, 2018 Minutes Paragraph 6c:** tabled

**8. Unfinished Business:** None

**9. New Business:**

**a. Michigan Potash Company:** tabled

**b. Connect Nation / Michigan:** Dan spoke about the FCC’s reverse auction which was conducted last summer and a vertical asset inventory which is supposed to begin in January or February.

**c. Reorganization of Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:** Dan spoke about the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. He proposed a merger of board members. Each board would remain a separate entity; however, the same individuals would serve on both the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors and the County Planning Commission.

Dan was directed to ensure this set-up is allowed.

**d. Correspondence:**

(1) Two PA 116 applications were received. Both were beyond the 30 day response window. A question was asked on where the applications were from. Dan has notified the Clerk's office that we would have no input.

(2) Two zoning ordinance related letters were received from Sherman Township. The first showing the changes recommended by their Planning Commission and the second showing the changes approved by their township board. (Note: The Commission had previously been notified of their intent to update the ordinance.)

(3) A Rezoning Application was received from Burdell Township.

(4) An email from a Mr. Kent Wilcox was provided to Commission members prior to the meeting. Commission members discussed the email.

(5) Lake County has completed their Master Plan.

(6) The IRS Mileage Rate for 2019 has been set at fifty-eight (58) cents a mile.

**10. Extended Public Comment:** None

**11. Adjournment**

(19-07) *Motion by Greg White, supported by Larry Emig, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned by Rich Jacobs, Chair, at approximately 4:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for February 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse.