

MINUTES OF THE CLAYTON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

November 14, 2023

Members Present: Gale Severson, Ron Sass, Kay Kluesner, Jim Smith, and Linzy Martin

Others Present: Patti Ruff, Samantha Rumph, Randy and Jennifer Lang, Jeff Steiert via phone, and JT McWilliams

Call to order . Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m.

Approval of the Minutes : Linzy motioned and Jim second approval of the minutes. Stand approved.

Appeal BOA#2023-10: Clayton County 911 Board is seeking a special exception from the ordinance to place a communications tower at 30197 Eagle Drive, McGregor, Parcel #0421376001.

Sam informed the Board how the previous site which was approved was denied by the FAA for the location in reference to the airport in Prairie du Chien. The new location is farther out from the airport and will still be able to communicate with the Guttenberg and Elkader towers while being able to service the McGregor/Marquette area. Sam stated if the site is approved, it will still need to meet the approval of the FAA and SHPO. They are willing to submit an appeal to the FAA if they deny this location as it is the last viable site for a tower.

Both Randy Lang and JT McWilliams voiced their concerns over the location directly across from their properties, concerns over a visual eyesore and potential decrease in property values.

Sam further explained how they have scoured 25 sites to find the right location with minimal impact even looking into Wisconsin.

Questions were raised about lighting of the tower and hazards to the med flight helicopters. This tower will be 250 feet tall and will have the proper lighting according to FAA standards.

Sam also reiterated how important it is for our emergency services to have functional radios in order to communicate with dispatch providing the necessary response helping as many citizens as possible.

Jim made the motion to approve the location for the future tower. Gale second the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:15pm.