

TUSCOLA COUNTY  
AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Vice-Chairman Tim Kinney called the meeting of the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019, to order at 4:37 p.m. local time.

Pledge of Allegiance – Tim Kinney

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Members Present: Tim Kinney, Bill Campbell, Paul Hoose, Don Clinesmith

Members Absent: Keith Kosik

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Nancy Laskowski, Garrett Tetil, Mike Pattullo, Eric Russell, Mitch Russell, Erico Rico, Mike Lienhard, Dan Ettinger, Jim Tussey, Norm Stephens

*Adoption of Agenda –*

19-M-AZ-001

Motion by Kinney, seconded by Clinesmith to approve the agenda presented. Motion Carried.

*Oath of Office –*

Clerk Fetting administered the Oath of Office to the members of the Board present.

*Approval of Minutes –*

19-M-AZ-002

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Kinney to adopt the February 15, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion Carried. Campbell clarified he worked with Doug VanEssen who was the County Attorney at the time on the development of the Airport Zoning Ordinance.

*New Business –*

Oath of Office –

Clerk Fetting administered the Oath of Office to the members of the Board.

Nominations for and Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary –

19-M-AZ-003

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Clinesmith to cast a unanimous ballot to retain the current Officers as Keith Kosik – Chairperson, Tim Kinney – Vice-Chairperson, Bill-Campbell – Secretary with Clerk Jodi Fetting assisting Mr. Campbell in the preparation of the minutes. Motion Carried.

*Old Business – None*

*Public Comment*

-Nancy Laskowski – Nancy presented various documents to the Board regarding the wind turbine farm that is planned in Juniata and Fairgrove Townships.

-Jim Tussey – Jim encouraged the Board to become educated on the required permits to proceed with the wind farm and to be prepared for a busy year ahead. He also stated that Almer Township has joined the Airport Authority Board in addition to the City of Caro and the Village of Cass City.

-Norm Stephens – Norm asked the Board to be cautious as the Board proceeds forward with this matter.

-Mike Pattullo – Mike stated that Ellington Township experienced similar situations that Almer Township did. He cautioned the Board to proceed with advice from the County Attorney. The airport is critical to his place of employment.

-Garrett Tetil – Garrett stated that Midwest Sky Sports business is located at the Caro Airport and is a successful business that employs a number of people.

Eric Russell – Eric asked for details regarding the airport expansion plans for the future. He stated there are positives that come from having a wind farm in the community that should be considered.

-Erico Lopez – Erico stated they have applied for ground permits from building codes. He expects the proper steps to be followed as required to implement the wind farm project. Erico believes the wind farm can successfully co-exist with the airport.

-Don Clinesmith – Don asked if there was any training available for the Board to become more educated. Clerk Fetting stated that she is not aware of any training by Michigan Association of Counties. Also, she stated the county attorney can assist the Board upon receiving an appeal application being filed.

-Paul Hoose – Paul would like an explanation of variance in reference to the airport ordinance prior to having to make a decision on an application.

Meeting adjournment 5:46 p.m.

William Campbell  
Tuscola Airport Zoning Board of Appeals  
Secretary

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk