Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

December 12th, 2024

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room

217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

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3:00 p.m. County Commissioners Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner, and Dennis Teske, met with the land planning board, Lon Reukauf, Lorin Larsen, Todd Tibbetts and Renee Pirtz.

The meeting discussions focused on scoping questions concerning Industrial Zoning. The goal was to create at least 10 questions that could be sent out to county residents to get solid feedback on zoning. There were discussions on what type of format to use, type of questions and who it should be sent out to. The attached list are the final questions agreed upon with the commissioners and the land planning board.

After discussion Lon read and reviewed all the questions with the group.

Who should this letter be sent to? Property owners, tax payers, voters? Anyone who has a mailbox? We want to make sure taxpayers, and property owners and those who live here also get the mailing.

Side note: Are property taxes still paid if not in production?

The next meeting will be December 18th, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

1. Should Prairie County pursue industrial zoning. (YES NO)
2. How close to nonparticipating landowner property line should industrial development be?
    a. ¼ mile
    b. ½ mile
    c. ¾ mile
    d. 1 mile
3. How close nonparticipating landowner residence be to industrial development?
    a. ½ mile
    b. 1 mile
    c. 1.5 miles
    d. 2 miles
    e. Other?
4. How close should industrial development be to livestock wells, and residential wells.
    a. ¼ mile
    b. ½ mile
    c. 1 mile
5. When Should Bonding for decommissioning be required? Federal and State require bonding when construction begins, private property does not require bonding till year 15.
6. Road agreement should industrial developer be responsible for improving and maintaining county roads to support the developers level of traffic?
7. Should non-participating landowners next to industrial development have something to say about the development? (Yes No).
8. Should we consider the natural view (viewshed) it in regard to Industrial Development (Yes or No).
9. Does an increase in tax revenue actually received affect your opinion on industrial development.
10. Are you concerned about your property value being affected by Industrial Development?
11. Are you concerned about the following issues in regards to an industrial development? (Check all that apply)
    - Noise
    - Lights
    - Fliers shadows
    - Non biodegradable pollutants
    - Loss of wildlife and birds
    - Increase in fire danger
    - Agricultural operations
    - Livestock health
12. Do you think Industrial Development should be allowed on the 50% of Prairie County that is Federal and State land?

Signed this 18th day of December 2024

Todd Devlin, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder