

Crow Wing Township Planning Commission Meeting, June 2, 2025, 6:00 PM

Commission Members Present: Chairman Brad Arnold, David Nelson (Vice Chair), Dan Lee, Jon Kolstad, Paul Stephany (Township Board Supervisor), Scott Saeher (Planning and Zoning Consultant) and Sue Kern (Township Clerk). Brad called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions or Deletion: None.

Public Hearings: None.

Open Forum: None.

Approval of Minutes: Dan made a motion to accept May 5, 2025, meeting minutes as written. David seconded the motion. Brad abstained as he was not in attendance. Passed 4-0.

Residents were present for the following business and the agenda was adjusted accordingly to accommodate their business first.

New Business: Application for Subdivision: The Lively's were present with a subdivision request. They previously had dealt with subdivisions back in 1999 and it was not properly recorded. They are in the process of selling 2.5 acres and combined with the Northern parcel. The property in question is zoned AG but surrounded by residential properties. Some property is currently nonconforming. KLD has previously surveyed the land. The legal description has the property as a separate parcel. It does not seem to need a new survey. Various options were discussed at length. A boundary line adjustment is needed. Conversation between the owners, the surveyor and Scott will need to take place. Jon motioned to proceed forward with a lot line adjustment to correct the nonconforming lots and not create any new nonconforming lots as long as they have the ok by the surveyor that everything is good to go with a lot line adjustment to correct the mistakes from the past on these lots and Lot A as rural residential as it was intended and to keep Mr. Lively's property in AG. Dan seconded. Passed 5-0.

Old Business: Signage Discussion: Mr. Kohl was present requesting the installation of a sign on his father's property to advertise his business on Hwy 371. The size and design of the sign, zoning of the property, conditional use of the property, possible variance, and possible easement of neighboring property to place a sign were discussed. No action was taken. **Outstanding Complaints:** Violations are a work in progress. Brad is planning to do 3 inspections. **Jackson property:** The Sheriff's office wants an address posted.

New Business: Crow Wing County Ordinance Updates regarding inoperable vehicles: The County approved the ordinance in late May. The number of inoperable vehicles was discussed. Violations are complaint driven. No permits will be issued to property owners if they are in violation. Brad stated that most of the ordinance changes were with language and seem to be straightforward except for the verbiage on inoperable vehicles. The problem will be enforcement of the ordinance. A public hearing is required before approval. **Zoning Districts:** An unsightly property in Barrows was discussed. The option of proper fencing around the property was discussed.

PZ Administrator's Report: Slow to start this Spring but there is a fair amount of business now.

Town Board Correspondence: None.

Northland Industrial Park has worked on seeding and grading/shaping. Screening needs work. There has been no follow up report on the trail agreement.

Adjournment: Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.