

Emmetsburg VFW
Emmetsburg, Iowa
Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in special session. Members present: Keith Wirtz, Chair; Ronald Graettinger, Roger Faulstick, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg. Present: Carmen Moser, County Auditor; Peter Hart, County Attorney; Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Therese Geelan, Auditor's Office; Rob Allen, County Conservation Director; Aletha King, Zoning.

Peter Hart, County Attorney, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW, 3205 Main St, Emmetsburg, Iowa. Peter introduced the Board of Supervisors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Peter welcomed everyone to the public hearing to consider amending the Wind Energy Conversion system ordinance.

Craig Merrill made opening comments and stated the recommendations made by the Planning & Zoning Board and filed in the minutes of May 17, 2022.

The Board of Supervisors made a motion on May 24, 2022, setting the date for the public hearing on wind ordinance changes.

Marc Benedict, Graettinger-Terril Educators Association, filed a letter with the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors in support of the Lost Island Wind Project.

Michael Flaherty, Graettinger City Mayor, filed a letter requesting the setbacks for windmills in Palo Alto County should be at least 5 miles from city limits.

Nick Summers, Center of Rural Affairs filed a letter regarding setbacks for a wind energy conversion system.

The Board received several letters of support in favor of the Lost Island Wind Project.

Peter Hart, County Attorney, called the names of person's who requested to speak at the hearing. The following people made comments at the Public Hearing.

Dan Scheffler, Vestas; Delray Bredehoeft; Alea Spears; Jim Neighbors; Sharon Neighbors; Christopher Knutson; Mark Green; Lisa Berkland; Bertha Mathis; Josh Harris; Carla Larson; Laura Winter; Stephanie Parsons; Karen Thu; Craig Thu; Mason Hoffman; Dave Phillips, Vestas; Dave Chapman; Janice Morey; Jim Unrau.

No action taken. The 2nd reading of the ordinance is Wednesday, June 15th, 2022, Emmetsburg VFW, at 6:30 p.m.

Peter Hart, County Attorney, concluded the hearing at 7:32 p.m. The Board of Supervisors adjourned at the same time.

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor