

Dickinson County Board of Adjustment

January 27, 2025

7:00 P.M.

The Dickinson County Board of Adjustment met Monday January 27, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the community room of the Dickinson County Courthouse.

The members present were Jeff Ashland, Alex Oponski, Kirby Berhow, Susan Clark and Douglas Westerman (Zoom). Also in attendance were Megan Kardell, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Lee McKim, Dickinson County Zoning Assistant. Steven Goodlow, Dickinson County Attorney, was absent.

Jeff Ashland, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the opening statement.

First on the agenda was introduction of new member, Douglas Westerman and then Roll Call.

Second on the agenda was New Business:

- 1) Election of Officers: For Chairman- Berhow nominated Ashland, Oponski seconded. All in favor. Berhow, Westerman, Oponski, Clark and Ashland.
- 2) Oponski motioned to carry over the same Chair and Vice Chairman. Ashland is Chairman, Oponski is Vice Chairman and Berhow is Secretary. Clark seconded the motion. All in favor. Berhow, Westerman, Oponski, Clark and Ashland.
- 3) Oponski nominated McKim, the Zoning Assistant to take the minutes of the meetings, seconded by Berhow.

2 .Review, Revise, Action on the Board of Adjustment Rules and Regulations

Kardell went through the rules. She asked the board to let her know as we went through the rules if they had any changes.

Article I, II, III, VI, VIII, IX and X no changes.

Article IV to change the word zoom to virtually.

Article V- Kardell stated according to Roberts Rules of Order the agenda should be approved first. The Board of Health does this, but the Board of Supervisors does not, it is up to the Board as to how they want to proceed. The order of the agenda would be to approve the agenda first, then move on to roll call. Discussion with board. The Board approved to add approve agenda to the first order of business. Also under the order business to add “only if applicable” for the old or unknown item. Board approved to add only if applicable.

Article VII- Section V-Takeout the word tape. Board approved to take out the word tape. Discussion on time limits.

Section II General Rules – Westerman asked for clarification on number 4 – no more than four applications per meeting. Westerman asked for clarification on number 8, site visits. Kardell stated Westerman could go on a site visit with her to understand the items required by the applicant for staking. Kardell went over site visit rules to refresh the board.

Motion was made to approve the modified rules and procedures made by Berhow and seconded by Oponski. All in favor. Berhow, Westerman, Oponski, Clark and Ashland.

Third item on the agenda is Old or unknown business. There is none.

Fourth item on the agenda is Approval of December 9, 2024 minutes. Clark motioned to approve the minutes and Berhow seconded. All in favor, Ashland, Berhow, Clark, Oponski and Westerman.

Fifth on the agenda is Communications Kardell did an overview about the Conditional Use Application for Invenergy in Emmet County. Invenergy's application was denied. Invenergy has now appealed to District court. Kardell went over procedural conduct with the board members.

Sixth item on the agenda was Adjournment.

Oponski motioned to adjourn, Clark seconded the motion. All were in favor, Ashland, Berhow, Clark, Oponski, Westerman.

(For more information, see BOA 01 27 25)