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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Town of Dutch John
Planning Commission
Dutch John Conference Hall
November 16, 2022 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES FOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ATTENDANCE: Amy McDonald, Rachel Albritton, Sandy Kunkel, Terri Winn, Harriet Dickerson, On-line Jared Marquis, Al Pulham, Charlie Luke, Dave Peterson.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Minutes of meeting: October 19, 2022, October 5, 2022 Meeting and Public Hearing

1.2 Building Permits: Weaver Extension, Lucas Subdivision Discussion re Weaver Extension. This is necessary because materials and concrete have been difficult to get. Extension will be for six months and cost $250.00. Discussion regarding Lucas Subdivision. This is update information for project on Hwy. 191. It appears the County is going to give them easement to put utilities to their property. They re-zoned the land but only want to build on about 10% right now and the minor subdivision is for financing purposes.

1.3 Expenditures:

1.4 Correspondence:

2. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Rural Opportunity Grant, Dave Peterson and Charlie Luke – Presentation Ms. McDonald turned time over to Dave Peterson and Charlie Luke. Mr. Peterson explained that the "rural" grant is a new addition to the old rural "county" grant. They showed the slide presentation which had been presented to Planning & Zoning previously. This presentation will be made available for individual review. They have made changes to update the proposal. It will be called The Village of Dutch John, a workforce housing, rv operation, with a small commercial component. It is proposed to address the critical needs we have for workforce house and affordable housing and economic development. They will complete the application for the Town and will also assume the 10% match if the grant is received. Ms. Kunkel asked about the time turnaround and the answer is hopefully within a month. They need a letter of support from the planning & zoning commission. Ms. Kunkel thanked them for all their efforts, stressing our weakness for infrastructure, and the inherent problems which come from our Town not owing the land. Ms. McDonald expressed her concerns about how the project is moving forward. Mr. Marquis expressed his opinion that what is hurting development so far is infrastructure and if we could get this grant it would be good and we should try. Mr. Pulham added the subject has been proposed for a long time for some type of low income and/or transient/employee housing. He is presuming that the community will be ok with going forward without more discussion, understanding it will benefit the whole town. Ms. Kunkel reminded the Town is not being required to put up any money and it is hard to get these kinds of grants together. Mr. Pulham feels it can be a win/win

opportunity. He is hopeful the whole Town is on-board and we do have to move forward. Ms. McDonald clarified where the utilities will be installed if we receive the grant.

4.2 Rural Opportunity Grant Support – Discussion and Possible Action.

Mr. Marquis moved to support the Rural Opportunity Grant application as presented. Ms. Albritton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Peterson said he appreciated the support and assured the commission that they will work very closely with the entire public process as we proceed.

5. WORK ITEMS

5.1 Work Diagram for Building Permits. Tabled

Ms. McDonald declared the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Harriet Dickerson

Harriet Dickerson, Clerk