

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON February 1, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Courtroom of the Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on February 1, 2017. Those present:

John Steffen, Chairman
Jerry Henning, Commissioner
Fred Foley, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, Master County Clerk
John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: John Riggins, Kirkham Michael; Brian K. Fry, Kirkham Michael; Bob Heimerman; Michael Thimesch; Randy Thimesch; Pete Clouse; Dennis Hageman; Gary Sterneker; Bob Sterneker; Ryan Ruckle; Robert Price; Rick Harrel; Todd Fairchild; Scott DeWeese; Kyle Repke, Nextera Energy; Scott Sparks; Tim Mertens; Lowell Fairchild; Rip Leisure; Marvin Neville; Corey Gilbert, Nextera Energy; John Holderness, Nextera Energy; Mark Widman, Blattner and Bill Tetrick.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director.

Chairman Steffen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Steffen let all in attendance know that the meeting will be for the discussion of the wind farm road routes and their conditions only.

Chairman Steffen gave the floor to John Holderness, Nextera Energy and Mr. Holderness requested that everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that there was a meeting a week ago with the townships and they went over some of their concerns at that time.

Mr. Widman with Blattner Energy let everyone know that they are still here in the County and will be for a couple more months. There are roads that still need work done to them

Mr. Holderness let the Commissioners know that a site performance had been done and it had a 99% efficiency rating.

Mr. Holderness was glad that they are holding this meeting with the Townships because he wants to make sure things get done to expectations.

Brian Fry, Kirkham Michael discussed that he had met with the seven townships and heard their concerns. Mr. Fry let them know that they had already started working on the items that they had concerns on.

Some of the concerns were culverts, AB3, crossroad pipes and to make sure they are drained properly, access roads to the township roads are not draining properly but Blattner is already working to fix them.

Mr. Fry let the Commissioners and townships know that Blattner is very timely to address all concerns whenever asked.

Commissioner Steffen asked Mr. Holderness if there were other choices of material other than AB3 available to be used on the roads.

Mr. Widman, Blattner, told Mr. Steffen that some of the sources for asphalt millings are out or very low.

Commissioner Steffen let Blattner know that they could purchase millings from Theis and give to Harbert so they could make them available to be used on the roads.

Ryan Ruckle asked how they were going to leave the roads when done and Mr. Holderness said they are to leave them in the same condition or better than when they started the project.

Mr. Holderness said the homeowners' entries were first on their list.

Scott Sparks asked if the road by the concrete plant was going to be raised. Mr. Holderness and Mark did not remember such a comment. Also, Mr. Sparks asked if they will give notice when they are done to the townships or just leave. Mr. Holderness let Mr. Sparks know that they will let Mr. Arensdorf know when they are done.

Mr. Arensdorf said that he felt most roads are in much better shape than they were.

Mr. Fry with Kirkham Michael said after the rain he drove around and noticed areas were thick in places so he contacted Blattner and they are thinning out the roads that he found to be too thick.

Commissioner Henning asked if there was a formula to be able to set millings on a road at least 3" inches thick. Mr. Fry, Mark and John Holderness discussed how they figure the millings.

Mr. Arensdorf said that John Holderness needs to get with Brian Fry to see where we are at before finalization is done.

Randy Thimesch let Blattner and Nextera Energy know that he wants asphalt millings on his township roads because millings were on the roads before the project. Mr. Thimesch said if you don't believe him you can look at the videos and it will show proof as to what was on the road.

Mr. Holderness told Mr. Thimesch if that is what was on the road then that is what they will do.

Gary Sterneker discussed that he had an asphalt road that is too wide and would need to be narrowed when done and ditches made. Mr. Holderness said they would take a look at the road in question.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any further questions and if not he asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at 1:55 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.