

JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

Date: May 12, 2022								
Time Begin: 6:03 p.m.								
Time End: 6:26 p.m.								
Location: Department on Aging, Heritage Room								
Members	Present	Absent		Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Emily Moss		X	Tamera Crisp	X		Joyce Cooper		X
Sandy Davis		X	Brad Waldrop	X		Thomas Taulbee	X	
Brian Barwatt		X	Mark Letson	X		Ken Brown	X	
Kirk Shufelt		X	Ollin Dunford	X				

Staff Present:

Michael Poston- Planning Director
 Anna Harkins- Planner I
 Heather Baker- County Attorney
 Allison Kelley- Administrative Assistant III

Call to Order and Quorum Check

Chairman Mark Letson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Brad Waldrop made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Thomas Taulbee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Thomas Taulbee made a motion to approve April 7, 2022 minutes. Brad Waldrop seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

a) Industrial Development Standards

Mr. Poston stated at the last Board meeting they reviewed the draft language but it did not include the definitions for Cryptocurrency Mining, Renewable Energy, Small Scale Animal Processing Facility. He stated staff has included the definitions along with standards for each of the different facilities. In addition, he stated staff is recommending adding the standard for Cryptocurrency Mining that they are required 100% offset of cryptocurrency power generation into renewable energy. In addition, at the last meeting the Board asked if they could allow a fencing option as opposed to having a landscape buffer, staff has added language to allow for that option. Mr. Poston stated he spoke with Environmental Health regarding waste management and if they would require a design professional to complete a septic system for the specific use of a processing facility. Environmental Health said based on their rules that is not necessary to have a design professional therefore, staff has removed that standard after speaking to the department that would conduct inspections.

Ken Brown inquired if they could add language to allow a setback standard for a stream buffer of 30 foot. Mr. Poston stated staff would add that standard into the draft language for the next meeting, and asked the Board to call for a public hearing on July 14, 2022.

Tamera Crisp made a motion to call for a public hearing for the text amendment industrial development standards on their regular meeting on July 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Brad Waldrop seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b) Planning Updates

Mr. Poston stated staff would cancel the Boards meeting in June. In addition, he informed the Board that the US 441 Gateway Community Planning Council is holding a public hearing on June 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Qualla Community Center to consider the addition of brewery/micro-brewery to the Gateway and Industrial Districts table of uses. These proposed text amendments would also be on the agenda for the Boards July meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, Ken Brown made a motion to adjourn. Ollin Dubford seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Submitted by:



**Allison Kelley
Administrative Assistant – Planning**

Approved by:



**Mark Letson
Planning Board Chairman**