

**MEETING OF THE  
MILLARD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES  
September 1, 2010**

The Millard County Planning Commission met on Wednesday September 1, 2010 at the Millard County Offices, 71 South 200 West, Delta, Utah.

**PRESENT:** Robin Smith..... Chairman  
Greg Greathouse ..... Board Member  
Joyce Barney ..... Board Member  
Molly Stevens..... Board Member  
David Sturlin..... Board Member  
Gordon Chatland.....Board Member  
Jim Withers.....Board Member

**EXCUSED:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Richard Waddingham..... County Attorney  
Sheryl L Dekker ..... Millard County Planner  
Amber Nickle..... Secretary  
Bryan Harris ..... First Wind  
Shelly Teuscher ..... First Wind  
Daron Smith ..... Millard County Commissioner  
Richard Woodworth..... Rocky Mtn. Power

**1. Welcome, Call to Order**

Chairman Robin Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He welcomed all present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 4, 2010**

The proposed minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting held August 4, 2010 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review and consideration of minor corrections Commissioner David Sturlin made a MOTION to approve the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Joyce Barney SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING for the Purpose of Receiving Public Comment on Proposed Amendments to the Millard County General Plan – Utilities Element and Major Utilities Corridor Official Map.**

Gordon Chatland made a MOTION to open a public hearing. David Sturlin SECONDED the motion. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative and the public hearing was opened at 7:13 pm.

Richard Woodworth from Rocky Mountain Power introduced himself and commended the board for their efforts in addressing the transmission lines and routes in Millard County. He gave all the board members a map to refer to. Mr. Woodworth pointed out

the proposed routes for the Sigurd to Red Butte transmission line. He stated that the entire preferred route is on BLM lands and not on private property.

Chairman Smith stated that Millard County would prefer they did not enter the county at all. There is approximately 6 miles of the transmission line that would cross into the county with the route that heads south at the Cove Fort intersection with I-70 and I-15. Mr. Woodworth stated that he has met with Bruce Parker and Sheryl Dekker to discuss the proposed routes. The proposed routes are outside the west wide energy corridor that has been adopted in the *Millard County General Plan*. Mr. Woodworth stated that he is preparing an amendment to the *General Plan* to allow the proposed transmission line route to go outside the established corridor.

Chairman Smith stated that it is premature to make an amendment to the general plan until there BLM makes a decision to approve the proposed route. Mr. Woodworth pointed out the amendments that he would propose to make to the *General Plan*. Chairman Smith stated that he does not see a problem with the current *General Plan*. Chairman Smith said that he can see no benefit to Millard County. The county will not get any power from the lines so there is no reason to allow Rocky Mountain Power to go outside the current allowed corridor. Mr. Woodworth stated that there are significant benefits which include:

1. At some point Millard County will need to upgrade to a 138 KB line and the company will have more ability to do that;
2. With the redundancy in power lines there is a better opportunity to provide reliability.

Mr. Woodworth discussed the changes to the *General Plan* that Rocky Mountain Power would like to make to allow their proposed routes for the transmission line.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any other questions or comments from the audience.

Bryan Harris representing First Wind approached the podium. He noted that the *General Plan* does not allow any transmission lines to be built outside the west wide energy corridor without an amendment to the *General Plan*. Sheryl Dekker and Attorney Waddingham affirmed that that is true.

Mr. Harris said that Phase II of the Milford Wind Farm would require a seven mile line to connect to their existing transmission line to move their power to IPP for delivery to California. Mr. Harris asked if Milford Wind will be allowed to build a transmission line to get their power to their existing line without having to make an amendment to the *General Plan*. Sheryl Dekker responded that Milford Wind Phase II would need to make application to the county to amend the *General Plan*. Dekker said that the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners may want to amend the language in the General Plan during this process since Milford Wind is generating power in the County which is different from Rocky Mountain Power since they (Rocky Mountain Power) would be constructing transmission lines that simply cross through Millard County delivering power to another location.

Attorney Waddingham suggested that the public hearing be closed and for recommended that First Wind submit a written proposal on how they would like to amend the *General Plan* to allow for a power generation source to be treated differently than a transmission carrier only.

Chairman Smith asked for any more public comments. There were none.

David Sturlin made a MOTION to close the public hearing for verbal comments and allow for written comments until Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Gordon Chatland SECONDED the motion. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. The public hearing was closed at 7:53 pm.

**4. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION Following a Public Hearing Held September 1, 2010 on Proposed Amendments to the Millard County General Plan – Utilities Element and Major Utilities Corridor Official Map.**

The Planning Commissioners agreed that they were not ready to make amendments to the *General Plan* at this time. There was discussion on the proposed language in the *General Plan* regarding the approved major utilities corridor. Gordon Chatland made a MOTION to table this agenda item until the next Planning Commission meeting to be held October 6, 2010. Jim Withers SECONDED the motion. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

- Agenda Item for October 6.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**6. Possible Closed Meeting Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 52-4-4&5**

There was none.

**7. Adjourn**

Greg Greathouse made a MOTION to adjourn. Gordon Chatland SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Robin Smith, Chairman  
Millard County Planning Commission