

NATRONA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2022

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Hal Hutchinson, Chairman
Robert Grant, Member
Matt Mitchell, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Gutierrez, Vice Chairman
Chad Ziehl, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Megan Nelms, Senior Planner, AICP
Eric Nelson, County Attorney
Lori Hall, Planning Secretary
Holly Wilhelm, Associate Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

George Herden, GEODynamics, Inc.
Courtney Story, GEODynamics, Inc.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Hutchinson; at 5:30 p.m.

The Chairman lead the Pledge of Allegiance, subsequently introduced himself and all present commission members, staff, and welcomed all. Chairman Hutchinson outlined the meeting procedures and how the commission receives public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hutchinson requested for a motion for the approval of the meeting minutes from the June 14, 2022 County Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Mitchell motioned to approve; Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Chairman Hutchinson noted a typographical error on page 7, 3rd paragraph. It was noted for correction on final version. Motion carried.

Hal Hutchinson	Yes
Robert Grant	Yes
Matt Mitchell	Yes
Motion carried	3/0

22.03 CUP - GEODynamics, Inc.

Ms. Nelms presented the staff report for the re-location of the previously approved Conditional Use Permit for Geodynamics, Inc. with the recommendation for approval.

Mr. Mitchell inquired concerning the storage of Type 2 ammunition and the ATF storage requirements. The question was deferred to the applicants, George Herden who addressed the table of distance to other structures and if barricaded or not per requirements of the storage license. He explained the company has been approved for ten (10) magazines at facility under a certain weight limit, which set at 30 lbs., at this time the facility is nowhere near that storage limit. He also explained the process of distribution to oil field and wireline companies. Many of their customers are located near the new facility making it more convenient for the company. Chairman Hutchinson inquired if the Melodi Lane site had been operating.

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The applicant responded yes until recently due to the lease coming up and the decision was made to re-locate to reduce overhead costs. Mr. Grant asked if the reduction of space from 15 acre to a 1-acre site will be a challenge. He responded no, most items are storage on the interior of the building.

Public Hearing called to order

In favor -

Courtney Story spoke in favor and further explained the table of distance, magazine chart, and the ATF application / approval process, the requirements to transfer of the location. Chairman Hutchinson asked if the commission would like to see the ATF application information or defer to the agency. They responded to defer. Mr. Mitchell inquired how the rating are determined for the distance chart. Ms. Story explained the ATF rating process.

In opposition – none

End public hearing

The Chairman then asked for a motion. Mr. Grant motioned to approve the application; Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Hal Hutchinson	Yes
Robert Grant	Yes
Matt Mitchell	Yes
Motion carried	3/0

Public Comment – None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.



Hal Hutchinson, Chairman
Natrona County Planning and Zoning Commission



Tracy Good
Natrona County Clerk

NOTE: Natrona County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes contain a summary of discussions and are not intended to be verbatim.