

**MINUTES OF THE  
LEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Third Floor Meeting Room  
Old Lee County Courthouse, Dixon, Illinois**

**Zoom Video- & Tele-conferencing**

Meeting ID: 988 4502 4438

Password: 043424

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**Board Members**

Hon. Charles T. Beckman, Chair  
Ellen Smith, Vice Chair  
Ben Forster, Member  
Emily Pratt, Member  
\*Member Vacancy  
\*Alternate Member Vacancy

**Staff**

Dee Duffy, Zoning Officer  
Alice Henkel, Clerk/Renewable Energy Coordinator  
Charley Boonstra, State's Attorney

At 6:32 p.m., Chair Charles T. Beckman called the meeting to order. Clerk Alice Henkel called roll:

Members present: Beckman, Smith, Forster, Pratt  
Members absent: None

Staff present: Duffy, Henkel  
Staff absent: Boonstra

The next order of business was the approval of the minutes from the November 1, 2021 meeting. Mr. Forster made a motion that the minutes be approved. A second was discerned, and there was no debate. A vote was taken, and the ayes prevailed. The motion passed, 4-0.

The next order of business was comments from the visitors' section. No visitors were present.

The first order of new business was a public hearing on Petition No. 21-PC-65 by Petitioner Lee County Zoning Office, to amend Lee County Code, Section 10-9-1: Principal, Special, Temporary,

Restricted Uses under Title 10 of the Zoning Regulation in the Lee County Code of Ordinances, to allow the Use of Miniwarehouse as a Special Use in C-1, Neighborhood Office and Business District; C-2, Planned Office and Business District; and C-3, General Business District.

The Board discussed the use, the districts and whether the use would be appropriate as a special use in all three commercial districts. The Board agreed that use would be appropriate as a special use in all commercial districts.

There were no questions and/or comments from visitors as no visitors were present, either in person or on ZOOM.

Ellen Smith made a motion that the Lee County Regional Planning Commission recommends that Petition No. 21-PC-65 by the Lee County Zoning Office be approved by the Lee County Board. A second was discerned and there was no debate. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

The first order of old business was the discussion of updates to the Lee County Comprehensive Plan. This Board has been directed by the Lee County Board to update the Lee County Comprehensive Plan. As Volume I of the Plan contains mostly statistical data, the Board has been directed to focus on reviewing Volume II prior to the February meeting of this Board. While this Board is expected to address all necessary updates, it has been asked to consider if and/or how renewable energies can be incorporated in the County's plan.

The next order of old business was Lee County Greenways and Trails Plan updates. There was no discussion related to this old business.

There was no other business.

At 6:58 p.m., Ben Forster made a motion to adjourn and a second was discerned. There was no debate. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Alice Henkel*

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Alice Henkel, Clerk