

# Richland County Natural Resources Standing Committee

May 6, 2024

The Richland County Natural Resources Standing Committee convened on Monday, May 6, 2024 in person and virtually at 3 PM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

**Call To Order:** Committee Chair Carrow called the meeting to order at 3 PM.

**Roll Call:** Clerk Kalish conducted roll call. Committee members present: Carrow, Gill, Woodhouse, Fleming, Brookens, and Hendricks (joined 3:20). Committee member(s) absent: McKee.

**Verification Of Open Meetings Law Compliance:** Clerk Kalish confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

**Approval Of Agenda:** Motion by Fleming second by Gill to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda declared approved.

**Approval Of Minutes From April 1, 2024 Meeting:** Motion by Fleming second by Carrow to approve April 1, 2024 minutes. Motion carried and the April 1, 2024 minutes declared approved.

**Public Comment:** None present for Public Comment.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** LTE Zoning Administrator Matthew Albright provided a brief overview of the Zoning Department's functions and staffing levels.

**County Conservationist Report:** County Conservationist Cathy Cooper provided a brief overview of the Land Conservation Department's functions, staffing levels, and recent departmental activities.

**UW-Extension Report:** Area Extension Director Adam Hady provided a brief overview of UW-Extension's role/responsibilities, partnerships/relationships, staffing levels, programming, and activities within the county.

**Zoning Petitions – Winchel/Breiner (tabled from April 1, 2024):** LTE Zoning Administrator Albright reviewed petition and pertinent background information regarding the petition. Fleming requested it be noted in the minutes that trees will be located on the south side of the mine and inquired about the timing of blasts. Chair Carrow advised committee members to review the non-metallic mining ordinance and inquired about the lifetime of the mine. Carrow inquired about bonding and County Conservationist provided an answer. Motion by Fleming second by Woodhouse to approve petition for non-metallic mining permit. Motion carried and petition for non-metallic mining permit declared approved.

**Zoning Petitions – Gebhart:** LTE Zoning Administrator Albright reviewed petition and pertinent background information regarding the rezone request. Albright noted the purpose of the rezone request is to bring the property into proper zoning conformity. Motion by Gill second by Fleming to approve zoning petition. Discussion continued. Carrow requested a modification to the notice of zoning petition form. Motion carried and Gebhart zoning petition declared approved.

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**Discussion & Possible Action – Setting Future Meetings Time:** County Conservationist Cooper reviewed upcoming 2024 meeting schedule. Motion by Fleming second by Carrow for regularly scheduled Natural Resources Standing Committee meetings to be held at 9:30 AM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month in the County Board Room. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Cooper: Determine representative and alternate for Southern Area Association.

Albright: Possible review of short-term rental ordinance

**Adjourn:** Motion by Fleming second by Gill to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.



Derek S. Kalish  
County Clerk