

Vision West ND Planning & Zoning Committee

January 5, 2024, via Zoom Meeting

Committee Chairperson Joan Hollekim called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM MDT/10:15 AM CDT

Present:

Joan Hollekim

Scott Harmstead

Steve Josephson

Melissa Vachal

Stacey Swanson

Lydia DeJesus

Discussion

Dates and Location

- Membership agreed to hold one 4-hour workshop on July 19, 2024 beginning at 9:00 am (MT)
- Presenters
 - Scott Harmstead, Natalie Pierce, Kameron Hymer
- Location
 - Stark County Family & Ag Resource Campus
- Discussion held on items to consider for budget; presenter travel, printing costs, food
- Discussion held on providing CEUs to attendees. After agenda is completed, Scott will coordinate to obtain CEUs.
- Meeting topics remain unchanged and will be selected at a later date. Topics will be back on the agenda after members have had time to follow up with speakers and planning contacts.
 - Interpreting the handbook (include updates)
 - Ordinances / law updates
 - Data mining / processing (williams county just updated)
 - Wind energy facilities
 - Solar energy facilities
 - Co2 injection sites & pipelines
 - NDIC land use jurisdiction & PSC vs. local land use jurisdiction
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 - Role of comprehensive plans
 - Any changes to topics

Action Items

- Lydia to set block of rooms with the Astoria at state rates
- Lydia to obtain the budget costs from the Natural Resources Public Meetings and share with the committee
- Lydia will design Save the Date
- Steve will work on sponsorships
- Steve to coordinate reservation with location
- Lydia to send P&Z link to Joan for the NDACo website
- Lydia will distribute the Save the Date and event invites to the VWND consortium contacts.

Future meeting dates: February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7 @ 9:00 am MT/10:00 am CT