

Minutes of the Joint Jurisdiction Committee
12/13/2017

Chairperson Mary Kidwiler called the meeting to order. Committee members Mike Bartley, Greg Fargen, Al Heuton, Robert Hexum, Mary Kidwiler, Duane Knutson, Steve Meyer, Scott Mohror, Darrel Nelson, Ope Niemeyer, Lee Ann Pierce and Mike Struck were present. Others in attendance were Deputy County Development Director Richard Haugen, Todd Kays, Luke Muller and Thomas Nealon with First District Association of Local Governments, and Brookings County Commission Department Director Stacy Steffensen.

Meyer moved/Bartley seconded that the minutes from the November 20, 2017 Joint Jurisdiction Committee meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Introductions were made and a recap of the two previous meetings was given.

Kays and Muller discussed expectations and obstacles for the committee. The expectations listed were residential development/density review/different density options; coordinated subdivision planning; planning with lots less than 35 acres in size; design standards for future development; animal development; well-head/water quality protection; and administrative processes. Kays and Muller also reviewed codified laws regarding joint jurisdictional areas. Kays said the committee will need to address the where, the how and the what within the joint jurisdictional area – where the boundaries are going to be, how are the rules going to be administered and what gets regulated. He said the group will also need to decide where and how things get regulated.

Muller reviewed several maps of the current joint jurisdictional area. He said there are constraints within the joint jurisdictional area, including flood plains, shallow aquifers, adopted well-head protection districts, as well as land owned by SDSU and the current landfill. Kays said they may want to extend the lines of the joint jurisdictional area into more reasonable areas with less restrictions for growth. Struck reviewed the zoning of the joint jurisdictional area.

The group split up into three smaller groups with each group proposing different boundary lines for the joint jurisdictional area.

Haugen and Struck reviewed the county and city processes for administering the rules of the joint jurisdictional area. Struck said the city handles all areas that are zoned non-ag and the county handles everything zoned ag. They also discussed how many permits are issued within the joint jurisdictional area each year.

Pierce said the committee will need to establish a vision for the joint jurisdictional area that either encourages development or does not encourage development when drafting the ordinance.

Kays and Muller discussed the current ordinance's administrative requirements and what the current practices are. Muller presented several flowcharts that described those processes. They also presented examples of joint jurisdictional administration used in other counties in South Dakota.

The committee discussed the meeting schedule, as Kays and Muller are not available to meet the second and fourth Wednesday mornings of each month. The committee set the next meeting date for January 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM and the First District representatives will work on establishing a schedule after that.

Bartley moved/Heuton seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

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