

Minutes of the Joint Jurisdiction Committee
11/19/18

Chairperson Mary Kidwiler called the meeting to order. Committee members Kidwiler, Mike Struck, Lee Ann Pierce, Duane Knutson, Mike Bartley, Ope Niemeyer, Darrell Nelson, Al Heuton, Robert Hexum, Scott Mohror, Steve Meyer and Richard Haugen, filling in for Robert Hill were present. Luke Muller, and Tom Nealon with First District Association of Local Governments, and Brookings County Commission Department Director Stacy Steffensen were also in attendance.

A quorum was determined to be present.

Heuton moved/Bartley seconded that the agenda for the December 19, 2018 Joint Jurisdiction Committee meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Heuton moved/Hexum seconded that the minutes from the September 26, 2018 Joint Jurisdiction Committee meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the proposed draft joint jurisdiction ordinance.

The committee discussed the purposes. Pierce suggested specifically stating that a purpose of the ordinance is to allow the City of Brookings to expand into the joint jurisdictional area. Heuton suggested adding something specific to well-head protection. Pierce thought adding a purpose that speaks to protecting natural resources, including water sources, could cover that.

Muller said they do need to address the difference in uses that are allowed out in the county versus in the joint jurisdictional area. Meyer said a high-level goal should be to have a more involved process by both the city and county in the well-head protection area; specifically on land uses and permitting in that area. Muller suggested creating a 'consultation zone' similar to what is established with pipeline companies. Knutson said it would be good to have an established policy, especially as personnel changes over the years.

The committee reviewed the steps and what boards a review would have to go through to make changes to non-permitted uses. The group also discussed the maximum number of animal units allowed for a controlled animal feeding operation in the joint jurisdictional area. After discussion, there was a consensus to cap the number at 999 animal units to match a Class D CAFO classification. The committee believed this would give current landowners the ability to expand.

Muller said the next meeting will be a continuation on this discussion.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Niemeyer moved/Struck seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Stacy Steffensen
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