

AVERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
MONDAY, 28 JUNE 2010
MINUTES

Members Present: Cheryl Buchanan, Rachel Deal, Mike Lacey, Joe H. Perry, James Pitts

Staff Present: Tommy Burleson, Loretta Smith

Others Present: Bill Ballew, Phyllis Forbes, Natalie Lewis

Chairman Mike lacey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Consideration of the April 2010 Minutes

With no changes noted, Rachel Deal moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Joe H. Perry seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Wind Ordinance. There was no representative to speak to this request. A general discussion ensued about the need for a wind ordinance in Avery County. Natalie Lewis was present and works for 2nd Power, Inc. situated in Boone. Although a new company, she was present to talk about a new product – gearless blade tip wind turbines. She told those present that the product is not yet available, but will be soon. Ms. Lewis spoke in support of a wind ordinance for Avery County. Cheryl Buchanan suggested a GIS map that could display those areas in Avery County that would be suitable for wind power use. She suggested James with the Avery County GIS mapping office or she knew that ASU has some of the capability as an intern with Banner Elk produced a small map for the town. Rachel Deal made a motion to investigate and take the discussion up at the next meeting. Joe H. Perry seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

With no further discussion, Rachel Deal moved to adjourn. Joe H. Perry seconded. All were in agreement and the meeting came to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Buchanan, Secretary to the Avery County Planning Board