

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
SPECIAL NRS PUBLIC HEARING BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard McCormick with Donald Schneider, Ronald Berges, Christy Beckman and Kelly Lowery, Attorney, present. Please see attached sign in sheet to view guests.

McCormick started the public hearing by stating some facts including there are 144 landowners who have signed with Overland Pass Energy to have the windmills installed at their individual properties. The Commissioners established a Planning & Zoning Board and appointed 5 members, which were the only ones who applied to be on the Board, but 2 members removed themselves so we have a P&Z Board of three. The Planning & Zoning Board held the last public hearing and have reviewed the second permit which they recommended passing to the Commissioners. McCormick said that they are regulated by the state on what they can and can't do and what their job is today is to make sure the regulations submitted by Overland Pass Energy are done correctly. They are not voting on whether they do or don't want the windfarms. McCormick pointed out that they did not go out to find Overland Pass Energy like they try to do to get other businesses to come to our area, the landowners are the ones who signed the contracts with Overland Pass Energy.

Kelly Lowery, Attorney, then stood up to note the timeline of this project and to recite the legal requirements and the dates that those requirements were met. At the end of the reading, Lowery noted that the legal opinion is that Overland Pass Energy has met and obtained all of the legal requirements needed to continue with this project.

Chase Marsten, Overland Pass Energy, gave a presentation to the commissioners and guests outlining all of the details of this project. At the end of the presentation, Marsten asked to go into a 10 minute recess in order to collect questions from the zoom attendee's.

It is 9:35 and the meeting / hearing has gone into a recess.

It is 9:45 and the meeting / hearing has re-convened.

Chase Marsten read the questions that were received and he and Chris Olson and Erica Pratt answered each of the 7 questions submitted. For full questions and answers, please refer to the recordings of the meetings found at [sedgwickcounty.colorado.gov](https://sedgwickcounty.colorado.gov).

McCormick then asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak and reminded them they have 3 minutes each in which to do so. Ken Hodges, Josh Lechman, Delmar Hauff, Joe Krogmeier, Kimberly Eechout and Kelly Kinnie got up to speak.

McCormick then asked for a motion to approve the application and noted that it has satisfied all of the requirements needed.

Schneider moved to approve Resolution 2024-012 the use permit application for utility scale wind system submitted by Overland Pass Energy as meeting all of the requirements.

Berges second, carried. Roll call vote:

Schneider – Yes

McCormick – Yes

Berges – Yes

Kelly Lowery then read the conditions of the permit issuance which are stated in Resolution #2024-012.

Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting. Berges second, carried.

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Howard McCormick, Chairman

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Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board