

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

March 1, 2011

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session March 1, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz:     Tim Gabrielson, Chair  
  Mike Ankeny  
  Raymond Tucker  
  Jerry Reinartz  
  Tony Bennett  
  Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Jacky Dietz, Social Worker, was recognized as Employee of the Month.

A Public Hearing was held in regard to CUP #768 of Darrell A. and Robert Thoen, landowners, and Vince Green, PNE Wind USA, Inc., petitioner, to install a 60-meter meteorological tower in Section 8, Waltham Township.

Angie Knish, Environmental Services Director, reviewed the permit and Planning Commission recommendations.

The Petitioner was not present. No one spoke for or against CUP #768.

**Date: March 1, 2011**

**Res. #21-11**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 1, 2011 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

The Mower County Planning Commission having presented to the Mower County Board of Commissioners, CUP #768 of Darrell A. and Robert Thoen, landowners, and Vince Green, PNE Wind USA, Inc., Petitioner, to be issued pursuant to the Mower County Zoning Regulations for:

To install a 60-meter meteorological tower

Location:     40 parcel, located in Section 8, Waltham Township (T104N-R17W),  
  and legally described as: SW1/4 NE1/4, Mower County, Minnesota on  
  a parcel identified per tax records as 19.008.0040

Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on February 22, 2011 before the Mower County Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. at the Mower County Government Center in the Commissioner's board room, on said petition.

Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on March 1, 2011 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said petition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mower County Board has reviewed, accepts and adopts the findings of fact of the Mower County Planning Commission in the five required areas, which is hereby adopted by reference and kept on file in the office of Environmental Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said petition is hereby approved, as recommended by the Mower County Planning Commission with conditions as follows:

1. Secure the necessary State, Federal or Local Permits.
2. Follow all applicable Federal and State safety and health regulations during construction process.
3. The CUP shall become void two years from the date of approval by the County Board if no construction has begun or the use has not been established.
4. Petitioner must contact the Mower County SWCD regarding the Wetland Conservation Act and provide the County a copy of one of the following:
  - a. A "No Loss Determination" (no wetlands on site).
  - b. A "Wetland Exemption" (the act does not apply).
  - c. A "Wetland Replacement Plan" approval.
5. The permit is based upon representation given by the applicant during the hearing process and any misrepresentation presented in this process may be grounds for revoking the permit.
6. To provide visibility to aircraft, the Petitioner shall be required to paint the top half of the tower alternating red and white in ten foot segments, fit each outside guy wire with a high visibility cable ball centered at 164 feet, and equip the top of the tower with a night-time flashing red light.
7. To provide visibility to agricultural equipment operators, a brightly colored plastic sleeve no less than 3 feet in length shall be placed at the bottom of the guy wire/anchor area.

This permit is in accordance with Section 14-49 (Agricultural District) and 14-28 (Conditional Use Permits) of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance (effective date 01/01/2003).

Passed and approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Coordinator

A Public Hearing was held in regard to CUP #772 of Salmena Runkle and Dennis Runkle, Landowners, and Dennis Runkle, Petitioner, for an additional single-family dwelling per ¼ section on non-productive land in Section 33, Racine Township.

Angie Knish, Environmental Services Director, reviewed the permit and Planning Commission recommendations.

The Petitioner was not present. No one spoke for or against CUP #772.

**Date: March 1, 2011**

**Res. #22-11**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 1, 2011 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

The Mower County Planning Commission having presented to the Mower County Board of Commissioners, CUP #772 of Salmena Runkle and Dennis Runkle, Landowners, and Dennis Runkle, Petitioner, to be issued pursuant to the Mower County Zoning Regulations for:

An additional single-family dwelling per 1/4 section on non-productive land

Location: Section 33, Racine Township (T104N-R14W), and legally described as: NE1/4 NW1/4, Mower County, Minnesota on a parcel identified per tax records as 15.033.0010

Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on February 22, 2011 before the Mower County Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. at the Mower County Government Center in the Commissioner's board room, on said petition.

Notice having been duly given, a public hearing was held on March 1, 2011 before the Mower County Board of Commissioners, on said petition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mower County Board has reviewed, accepts and adopts the findings of fact of the Mower County Planning Commission

in the five required areas, which is hereby adopted by reference and kept on file in the office of Environmental Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said petition is hereby approved, as recommended by the Mower County Planning Commission with conditions as follows:

1. A Zoning Permit and ISTS Permit must be obtained prior to construction.
2. An ISTS shall be designed, installed and maintained according to MN Rules 7080 & Mower County's ISTS Ordinance.
3. Petitioner must sign a "Rural and Agricultural Home Owners Assumption of Risk Assessment Form" and have it recorded at the Mower County Recorder's Office.
4. 911 addressing is required to be obtained through the Mower County Highway Dept. before occupancy of the dwelling.
5. A Conditional Use Permit shall become void one (1) year after being granted by the County Board unless used or if discontinued for a period of three-hundred and sixty-five (365) days.
6. This permit is based upon representation given by the applicant during the hearing process and any misrepresentation presented in this process may be grounds for revoking the permit.

This permit is in accordance with Section 14-49 (Agricultural District) and 14-28 (Conditional Use Permits) of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance (effective date 01/01/2003).

Passed and approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to allow an additional telecommuting position for a lead worker in Human Services. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the minutes of January 25, February 1, February 8 and February 22, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to authorize the chair to sign a letter to Representative Linda Runbeck in opposition to House File H.F. 481 with copies to local representatives. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 1:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

The Board participated in a video conference with Ryan O'Connor and other Association of Minnesota Counties representatives regarding the Human Services Redesign efforts and initiatives.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. until March 8, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

**Attest:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Coordinator**

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