

**Billings County Zoning Meeting  
October 21, 2021**

**Members present:** Karen Putnam, Todd Corneil, Dean Rodne, Anita Kessel, Steven Klym, Connie Kasian

**Members absent:** Cathy Cerkoney

**Others present:** States Attorney Pat Weir, Zoning Director Stacey Swanson, Deputy Zoning Director Deanna Baranko, Deputy Auditor Jonna Bertelsen, City Auditor Gary Ridenhower, City Zoning Board Member Travis Enders, and TR Library Representatives: Amy McCann, Jenn Burke-Jackson, & Ken Vein

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Klym at 1:00 pm at the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

States Attorney Pat Weir asked that the minutes from last month be changed to state "Cerkoney asked to clarify the concept of a presidential library." Anita Kessel moved to approve the minutes from the September 16<sup>th</sup> regular zoning meeting as corrected. Connie Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Representatives from the Theodore Roosevelt Library were present to give updates. The library brought forward their preview of the zoning applications and an executive summary of the project. They will be asking to change the zoning of the tract of land for the library from agricultural to recreational. The application will also include a variance from the ridgeline ordinance for an extra 13 feet above the maximum height requirement. Slides of the project were presented to the board to give a visual representation of the library and where you will see it from different areas of Medora.

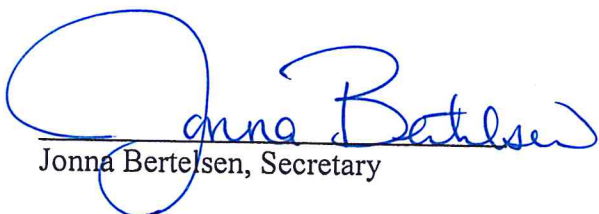
Discussion continued on the solar panels that were shown in the presentation slides. Questions and concerns arose on the placement and array of the PV panels on the southern edge of the property and whether or not the panels fit with the historical intent of the City of Medora. These issues will need to be looked at further.

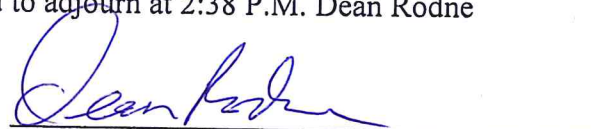
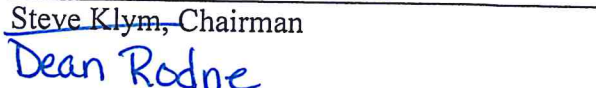
Swanson was asked by the board if the application for the library itself will be approved in house or at a meeting. Since this is a bigger project the board will review the applications at a meeting. This is the first step of many. The zoning board requested bimonthly or monthly meetings with the library for updates on the project.

States Attorney Weir gave the board updates on the memorandum of agreement with the library. The agreement states what the library will give in support to Billings County and the City of Medora. The board asked the library if they have gotten any farther on extra access roads which they responded they are still looking into options but there are some on the table.

Members of the community in Fairfield expressed to a few board members that they were not happy with the time that was set for the community meeting, people are farming/ranching or have to work during lunch meetings. They would like the library to look into another meeting for the evening.

With there being no further business, Anita Kessel moved to adjourn at 2:38 P.M. Dean Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

  
Jonna Bertelsen, Secretary

  
Steve Klym, Chairman  
  
Dean Rodne