

## **Buffalo County Minutes**

**Committee:**

Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Date of Meeting:**

February 23, 2021

**Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date:**

The Board of Adjustment public hearing was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Chairman; Dale Klopp. Ron Kazmierczak, Barry Draskowski, and Dale Klopp were all present.

Others present for all or part of the public hearing include Mike Owecke; Zoning Administrator, Anissa Glaus; Zoning Administrative Assistant, Briar Golden; Zoning Specialist, and Lee Larson, Agent.

**Applicant Presentation and Testimony**

Lee Larson explained the Marshland Site for a Bugtussel wireless tower. There is no coverage in the valley and tower position was critical due to the bluffs. There was one other place to put the tower, but it was landlocked. This one has an access road and power and there is another tower there as well.

**There were no Public Comments**

**Questions to Applicant by BOA Members and Zoning Staff**

Barry questioned whether internet was going to be provided from these towers, as he thought in past discussions it was mentioned that there would not be internet. Lee explained that that this is going to help with first responder networking through the county and that they have always intended to put internet through their towers, it was just based on time.

Lee also explained that having more than one of the same towers in the same location is good for lower prices and the quality of service. Lee was unsure if this would be a fiber tower.

Barry Draskowski looked over attached spread sheets and numbers and noted that he would be leasing space to AT&T. Lee explained that the cost is not as much as one would think and they are a nonprofit entity.

Ron questioned costs and the numbers that were provided as they did not add up. Lee explained that Bugtussle owns the towers and spend money to put them up. He stated that it is costly to build these towers and the payments AT&T makes to lease them is monthly and takes a while to build back what was spent.

**No Additional Correspondence was received**

**No Site Visit Needed**

Ron Kazmierczak made a motion that subject to conditions in zoning report to approve the Bugtussle tower. Dale Klopp seconded the motion.

Motion and seconded to approve CUP 2021-1 with the conditions put on by zoning department. Motion carried.

**Minutes from October 28, 2020 Meeting** Subject to minor change a motion was made by Ron Kazmierczak to approve the minutes from the last Board of Adjustment Public Hearing and seconded by Barry Draskowski.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anissa Glaus, Zoning Administrative Assistant