

Vermillion County Area Plan Commission Regular Session

July 10, 2025

Second Floor, Courthouse

The July 10th, 2025 regular session of the Area Plan Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Lary Langley. Those members who answered roll call were Bob Alexander, Lary Langley, Brian Stevens, Phil Cox, Barbara Phillips, Brandon Ruth, Joe Ellis and Ron Mack. Also present: Executive Director/Recording Secretary Penney Carpenter, Scott Carpenter and Charles (Doug) Finley.

The June 12th, 2025 minutes were examined. Mr. Ruth made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Mack seconded the motion. MC.

Old Business:

a. Update on Old Violations - Mrs. Carpenter gave the following updates:

Loren Lomax – same thing as before, he takes one load out and brings another load back in. He is keeping the place mowed and he is still staying in contact with the office and working on it. Still in violation.

Charles (Doug) Finley – We're supposed to go to court tomorrow, but since I'll be going to Indianapolis for the DNR Public Hearing on the Carbon Sequestration we ask for a continuance. It was continued until July 31st at 10:00am.

Ron Finger Jr – Is currently in the Vermillion County Jail, we have court on 7-15-25 at 1:45. There has been some improvement.

Kevin Campbell – Is currently in the Vermillion County Jail, we have court on 7-15-25 at 1:30. There has been no improvement.

Charles (Doug) Finley was present and asked to speak; He apologized if he offended anyone at the last meeting he attended. He wanted to let the Commission know he was making progress little by little. He also asked who violations should be reported to, and President Mr. Langley said it was Mrs. Carpenter. Mr. Finley said that wouldn't do any good since it was Carpenter's property he felt was in violation. He stated there was lumber and stuff piled up against a shed, carts and such piled against a shed and a big piece of sheet metal in a field. Mr. Langley said he would drive by and take a look. There was discussion as to whether there was a standard complaint form, Mrs. Carpenter stated there is, but that they normally don't allow someone in violation to file complaints, and require them to get in compliance first, but it was fine if someone wanted to check out her property.

b. Stormwater Drainage Control Ordinance-Mr. Mack asked if there were any suggestion or updates for the Stormwater Drainage Control Ordinance since everyone has had the opportunity to review it. None were stated. It was noted that it did not require action on their part as it is approved by the Commissioners and enforced by the Drainage Board. Mr. Alexander made the motion to give the Ordinance the blessing from the Area Plan Commission. Mrs. Phillips seconded. MC Mr. Mack abstained from voting.

c. Rules of Procedure- were briefly discussed and it was agreed to see about getting them into a digital format, so they could be edited and updated and to review them prior to the August meeting.

d. Tim Yocum State Representative House District 42

It was noted that State Representative Tim Yocum was on the agenda but was not present. Mrs. Phillips said he had emailed or texted her asking where she got the information that eminent domain for CO2 sequestration was in the state budget bill. There was discussion

about when it had come up, and several members mentioned that it was included, and that Mr. Yocum had said he was going to look into who put it in, but no one had heard from him. Mrs. Carpenter noted that on June 17, the same questions were sent to Mr. Yocum. Mr. Cox said that Mr. Yocum had answered a question from him through an email. The question related to the conveyance of 1,705 acres at Vermillion Rise Mega Park to the DNR. It was noted that there were 5 pages of additional questions to which Mr. Yocum he did not respond. It was agreed that if he asked to be on the agenda again, he would be added.

New Business:

Public Notices & Newspaper Circulation-Mr. Cox stated that the Parke County Sentinel is sold at Kirby Foods Clinton and Main Street gas station Clinton, with more store stops to be set up. The average number of papers sold at each location is 50 and Vermillion County readership is 175. Mrs. Carpenter stated she ran the exact same legal notice in both papers, so we can compare apples to apples. She has reached out to the Tribune Star for the same information and will have an update for the August meeting.

Claims paid June 13th-July 10th, 2025

7/7/2025	Haller Colvin Attorneys at Law	Legal Fees	\$1,232.50
7/7/2025	Tribune Star	Legal Notice	\$62.24

Ms. Carpenter presented the office report and the claims since the last meeting. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve the claims, Mr. Ellis seconded. MC

With no further business before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Penney Carpenter

Penney Carpenter, Recording Secretary

Vermillion County Board of Zoning Appeals

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There was no new business before the board.