

**TOWN OF PRIMROSE
PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
TUESDAY, September 7th, 7:00 pm**

THIS MEETING HELD BY TELECONFERENCE.

1. Call to Order at 7:08 pm. Dale called the meeting to order. Gretchen Hayward, Martha Gibson, Jerry Judd, and Lynn Pitman were also on the call.
2. Discussion regarding approval of a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communications tower on parcel 0507-292-8000-8, owned by Jeffrey L. Webber and located at 9108 Ridge Drive, Mount Horeb.

Gary Hensue and Adam Craig represented Bug Tussel at the meeting.

Dale explained that the site view had happened on August 28th. Gretchen explained that only Martha and Gretchen had attended for the Planning Commission, but the Board was okay as Martha and Dale were there.

Gretchen thought that it was a better site than the last one presented, and that public comments should be heard.

Martha agreed, as it is not in agricultural land. Arial photos show that it likely has not been cropped, but further research would need to be done. Although it aligns better with the Primrose Land Use Plan she would like to see what the County says.

Gretchen asked to see what better coverage Primrose residents would have.

Dale asked for public comments.

Jeff Lahey stated that he did not have a problem with it. It is not in ag land and doesn't have guy wires into the ag land. He estimated it to be 100' west of the house, and in an old hog pasture and dog area.

Jerry asked where the control room would be. Gary Hensue stated that the only controls would be in a 6'x8' metal cabinet at the base of the tower.

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Lynn Pitman asked if the coverage was the same as the last proposal. Gary Hensue stated that the coverage would be approximately the same.

Lynn asked if they increase the height of the tower, then a light would have to be put on it. This would not be part of the town review. Gary stated that they have no plans to increase the height of the tower. A different tower design would have to be in place to increase the height.

Jerry asked what the coverage is. Adam stated that it would be about 3.5 miles of wireless internet coverage, dependent on terrain. It would cover 28.8 square miles total and reach about 720 people according to their estimate.

Adam further explained that it is internet coverage, not a phone company. An antenna on a house is pointed at the tower, the tower interacts with a satellite. This is called "Point-multi point". It is not a cell phone plan. The system uses line-of-site and would require a signal test prior to subscription.

The people would have to subscribe to Bug Tussel to get the service. There is no intermediate company. Bug Tussel will be marketing in the area once the service is up.

Dale pointed out that competition in the area may lower prices.

Gretchen suggested that fiber optics are great, IF you can get it wired to your house. Many people don't have that. Adam concurred.

Lynn asked the speeds they expect to be able to offer. Adam stated that they have various plans; lowest being upload of 1mb, download of 2, and the highest being upload 5, download of 25mb.

Martha questioned the plan if in 10 years the tower is obsolete. Adam stated that there is a Wisconsin requirement of posting a 20K bond to cover

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the costs of abandonment. She also asked about screening the lower part of the tower for nearby residents. Adam stated that they would consider some screening if it was needed.

Lynn asked about the issue of distance of tower to residents (exposure to RF frequencies). Adam said their system uses “non-ionizing radiation” like cell phones, and radio waves.

Martha expects that there needs to be no other hearing, but probably joint vote after the County gives Primrose their review. The review needs to be done within 90 days of the BT submission. Gary estimates that it will be a month or two before they will file with the County.

3. Adjournment: Dale asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Martha moved to adjourn. Gretchen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Ruth Hansen