

**CASCADE COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2020  
VIA ZOOM  
10:30 AM**

**Commission  
Journal #60**

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**Cascade County Commission:** Chairman James L. Larson and Commissioner Jane Weber

Excused: Commissioner Joe Briggs

**Present:** Carey Ann Haight – Deputy County Attorney, Bonnie Fogerty – Commission Office, Charity Yonker – Planning Department Director, Sandor Hopkins – Planner, and Kyler Baker – Deputy Clerk and Recorder

**Public:** Nate Kluz, Alex Sholes and Jenn Rowell – The Electric

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**1. Public Hearing**

**Rezone properties located in Section 19, Township 21 North, Range 5 East, and Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, and 34, Township 21 North, Range 4 East P.M.M. Cascade County, Montana from the Open Space (OS) District to the Agricultural (A) District; and to amend the zoning text to include a definition of “Data Center” to Cascade County Zoning Regulations (CCZR) § 2, and add the “Data Center” to CCZR § 18.1.**

**Close to Regular Meeting:**

Chairman Larson closed the Regular Meeting 10:33 a.m.

**Open to Public Hearing:**

Chairman Larson opened the Public Hearing at 10:33 a.m.

**Reading of the Public Hearing:**

Reading of the Notice Public Hearing was waived, without objection. **02:15** (*See Exhibit A*)

**Staff Report:**

Sandor Hopkins, Planner, elaborates. **02:30 – 27:23**

**Written Testimony:**

Chairman Larson called for Written Testimony, there was Written Testimony from Nate Kluz which was read into the record. **30:35** (*See Exhibit B*)

**Call for Proponents:**

Chairman Larson called for Proponents, three times with no response. **42:41**

**Call for Opponents:**

Chairman Larson called for Opponents, three times with no response. **43:08**

**Call for Informational Witnesses:**

Chairman Larson called for Informational Witnesses, three times with no response. **43:25**

**Close to Public Hearing:**

Chairman Larson closed the Public Hearing at 11:15 a.m.

**Reopen the Commission Meeting:**

Chairman Larson reopened the Commission Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**Motion to Approve or Disapprove**

**Resolution 20-60: A Resolution of Intention to Amend the Cascade County Zoning Regulations.**

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** that after reviewing the Staff Report and proposed regulation changes for compliance with the criteria and guidelines for zoning regulations and MCA § 76-2-203, adopt the Staff Report and **APPROVE** the Resolution of Intention to correct CCZR § 4, the Zoning Map, to rezone the subject parcels owned by NorthWestern Energy from Open Space Agriculture, and amend §§ 2 and 18.1 to add “Data Center.” **43:56**

**Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda and that is within the Commissioners’ jurisdiction.**

None

**Adjournment:** Chairman Larson adjourned this special meeting at 11:17 a.m.