

**MEETING OF THE
MILLARD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 15, 2021**

The Millard County Planning Commission met on Wednesday December 15, 2021, at the Millard County Offices, 71 South 200 West, Delta, Utah.

PRESENT: David Sturlin Planning Commission Chairman
Erin Sorenson Planning Commission
Peter Greathouse Planning Commission
Joyce Barney Planning Commission Vice Chairman
Denton Peterson Deputy County Attorney

EXCUSED:
Bob Rogers Planning Commission
DeMar Iverson Planning Commission
John Nye Planning Commission

ALSO PRESENT:
Adam Richins Planning and Zoning Administrator
Mallori Wood Planning and Zoning Secretary
Dean Draper County Commission
Matt Ward Millard County Chronicle Progress
Edria Day Millard County Resident

PURSUANT TO AN AGENDA WHICH HERETOFORE HAD BEEN PROVIDED to each member of the Planning Commission, posted at the Millard County Offices in Delta, the Public Safety Building in Fillmore, and the Main Street Courthouse in Fillmore, posted on the Utah Public Notice Website and the Millard County Website, and provided to the Millard County Chronicle Progress, a newspaper of general circulation within Millard County, Utah as required by law, the following proceedings were had:

1. **WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER** – Planning Commissioner Chairman David Sturlin called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. He welcomed all present.
2. **DISCUSSION**— New state requirements for Large CAFO ordinances under Senate Bill 130 codified as Utah Code 17-27a-1103

Planner Adam Richins gave a description of Chapter 27a, County Land Use, Development, and Management Act. Part 11 Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act (Effective 5/5/2021).

Planner Adam Richins explained the statute requiring any counties adopting a large concentrated animal feeding operation land use ordinance to create a designated area or areas where Large Animal Feeding Operations could be established. He stated that the County ordinance would be invalid unless updated to comply with the new State statute. The deadline for this change is no later than February 1, 2022. He explained that the current Millard County Code and zoning map which allows for CAFOs as C-2 Conditional Uses do not currently include the required state trust lands but otherwise did meet the requirements set by the state.

Planner Richins reviewed the criteria to be considered in adopting geographic areas as outlined in 17-27a-1104 which included the need for the county to consider the distance of the geographic area measured in feet from the following:

- (A) a residential zone;
- (B) a health care facility;
- (C) a public area;
- (D) an education institution;
- (E) a religious institution;
- (F) a commercial enterprise;
- (G) a municipal boundary; and
- (H) a state or county highway or road;
- (ii) prevailing winds;
- (iii) topography;
- (iv) economic benefits to the county; and
- (v) reasonable access to transportation, water, and power infrastructure

There was discussion of what would be allowed in the Ag Industrial Zones once these areas are designated.

There was discussion about the possibility of animals escaping and going ferrel.

There was discussion about the controversy of large CAFOs and the vote nearly resulting in a ban on certain species.

There was discussion about the need to make the CAFO area big enough while still protecting the interest of the County.

There was discussion about air circulation and prevailing wind which primarily blows north.

There was discussion about areas with road access and access to power.

There was discussion about the designated areas including private property and State Trust Land. The Commission looked at maps of Millard County and discussed areas of land which met these criteria. The Commission suggested and discussed areas of Millard County which may meet the requirements, especially those where Large CAFOs were already established or had been proposed.

Planner Adam Richins stated that there will be a Public Hearing at the next Planning and Zoning meeting on January 5th, 2022 in regards to this item.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Dated this ___ day of _____ 2022
David Sturlin, Chairman
Millard County Planning Commission