

**MINUTES
JOINT PLANNING BOARD**

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Chairperson Don Pietsch called the Joint Planning Board meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members present were Jeff Bertram, Renee Eckerly, and Don Pietsch. Jeff Thompson and Don Wiese were absent.

Motion was made by Bertram to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2010 Joint Planning Board meeting. Seconded by Eckerly and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Bertram to elect Don Pietsch as Chairperson; Bertram as Vice Chairperson; and Eckerly as Secretary. Seconded by Eckerly and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board consented to keep the meetings on an as needed basis.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – BILLBOARD – THOMPSON PROPERTY

Steve Anderson, Franklin Signs has been in communication with the Township regarding possibly placing a billboard in the Orderly Annexation area. The Township has reviewed the City Ordinance which would be less restrictive than Stearns County's. The Township has chosen to be governed by Stearns County in regards to zoning. Anderson is working with the Thompsons. The County allows billboards only in Commercial and Industrial zoned areas. The land is in the Urban Expansion zone and in the Orderly Annexation area. The County told the Township that they could issue a conditional use permit for a billboard if the Joint Planning Board would approve it. Per the County Ordinance; off-premise signs shall not be more than 400 square feet outside Industrial or Commercial zoned areas.

The Board is now aware and will wait for further action for outdoor signage. The Board agrees that any action that would come in the Orderly Annexation area; this Board wants to take action on.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.