

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 6, 2025

GRANT, NEBRASKA

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Perkins County, Nebraska, was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the County Court House in Grant, Nebraska, for a public hearing regarding the request by Lightsource bp for a Conditional Use Permit 03-2025 for a Commercial Solar Conversion System, located in the N ½ NW ¼ S ½ NW ¼ of 19-10-38, E ½ of 18-10-38, E ½ of 19-10-38, NE ¼ of 25-10-39, NW ¼ of 30-10-38, NW ¼ of 29-10-38, SW ¼ of 20-10-38, SW ¼ of 19-10-38, Perkins County, Nebraska.

Present: Commissioner Steve Tucker, Commissioner Darin Robertson, Commissioner Mark Bottom, County Attorney Richard Roberts, County Clerk James Brueggeman, and Taylor Provost of West Central Nebraska Development District, serving as Perkins County Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. It was announced that notice of this meeting had been published in the Grant Tribune-Sentinel on September 25, 2025. The Chairman noted the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster in the County Court Room. The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Bottom to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Robertson. A roll-call vote was taken, with 3 ayes, and the motion carried. Chairman Tucker led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Tucker opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. and quickly summarized its purpose and hearing procedures. Taylor Provost provided the Statement of Fact regarding the Lightsource bp request. Adam Iago and Amity Burnham from Lightsource bp provided an overview of the company and a brief slideshow on the Golden Plains Storage and Solar project. The slideshow included project concessions offered by Lightsource bp and information on potential revenue the county could generate from the project.

Chairman Tucker opened the floor for public comments on the proposed conditional use permit. Public comments followed, with opinions both in favor of and opposed to granting the permit. All members of the public wishing to speak to the governing body were given a reasonable amount of time to do so. Lightsource BP representatives and Jayson Bishop, General Manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation, engaged with attendees and answered questions during the hearing. Of the public in attendance, five spoke in favor of granting the permit, six spoke against it, and three asked questions regarding the solar project.

Chairman Tucker declared the public hearing closed at 7:26 p.m. Commissioner Bottom explained to attendees that the Perkins County Planning and Zoning regulation update process, which began in March 2025, is causing some conflict. He stated he takes the process seriously, expressed concern about the decommissioning aspect of the plan, and noted that the timeline of events is part of the decision-making process. Commissioner Tucker informed those present that the conditional use permit is an important decision that affects not only Perkins County but also the State of Nebraska. He emphasized that the County Board of Commissioners has many factors to consider and must do so carefully. The commissioners took the request under advisement to allow more time to review project information and consider the testimony received at the public hearing, with a decision to be made in

resolution form at a future regular meeting of the Perkins County Board of Commissioners.

There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Robertson and seconded by Commissioner Bottom to adjourn the special meeting. Roll call vote: 3 ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

James D. Brueggeman  
Perkins County Clerk