

**BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes for November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

**Members Present:**

R. B. Anderson, Jim Baker, Meagan Bradshaw, Guy Boone, Elmer Chewning, John Dodson, Stephen Kelley, Jerry Mercer

**Members Absent:**

Henry Blessing, Deborah Looney, Robert Trobaugh

**Others Present:**

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary; Willie Howlett, Bland County Administrator; Paul Cassell, Bland County Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:00 PM, Chairman Mercer called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was given by Commissioner Baker and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country by everyone present.

**ROLL CALL**

Planning Commission Secretary Joel Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5th, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Kelley made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 5th, 2009 meeting; Commissioner Chewning provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

-A model wind energy ordinance for Bland County was reviewed, with feedback being given by the Planning Commission to the County Attorney with direction on several items.

-Mr. Cassell stated that words like “practicable and reasonable” should be removed and replaced with words like “shall”. Mr. Cassell stated that the entire ordinance would be reviewed and “waffle terms”, like those listed above would be cleaned up.

-Mr. Howlett briefed the Commission on the meeting that was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, with Rick Boucher, entitled “Growing Southwest Virginia’s Energy Economy.” It was discussed what will happen if the Commonwealth steps in and regulates wind energy.

-It was stated that Bland County should look into a Ridgetop Ordinance.

**ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Boone made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Kelley provided the second, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joel K. Cagle- Secretary  
Planning Commission  
County of Bland