A regular meeting of the City of Downs Planning Commission was held March 18, 2025 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Members present: Linda Miller, Mary Steinshouer, Tonja Bisnette, Chris Steinshouer, and Dale Goheen. Members not present: Jamie Emerson. Also in attendance: Mason Herrman via zoom, Bruce Berkley, Harry Colburn, Eric Rose and Eric Rose II.

Chair Tonja Bisnette called the meeting to order.

Linda Miller moved, seconded by Mary Steinshouer, to approve minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Eric Rose and Eric Rose II were present to ask the planning commission to re-zone property at 914 Peterman Street to allow cattle. In their comments they stated they wanted to raise one steer per year, possibly two for butchering and donate to a family in need. Barb Rannebeck was to be in attendance but could not make it. Bruce Berkley, City Attorney, advised that the commission is working on zoning and will look into this. Berkley will keep the party notified of status.

Mason Herrman with Marvin Planning Consultants was present via zoom, he stated he is working to complete the comprehensive plan. The commission held discussions on zoning regulations by reviewing the Ellis, Kansas book. Discussion on Article 5 included: conditional use permits, format of the book, and swimming pools.

The next meeting will address zoning article 5 and 9, as well as the comprehensive plan.

At 7:30 p.m Mary Steinshouer moved, seconded by Chris Steinshouer, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Tonja Bisnette, President

