

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 6, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Grant County Board Room (#264)
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on May 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Keeney County Board Chairman in the Grant County Board Room of the Administration Building, 111 S. Jefferson St, Lancaster.

Board members present: Pat Schroeder, Mark Stead, Roger Guthrie, Lester Jantzen, Dale Hood, & Dwight Nelson. FSA Representative Excused. Others present: County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Lynda Schweikert, Janet Graney, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, and Todd Johnson-UW Extension. Public present: Ben Schroeder, Fred Brechler, Christy Cooley, Chris & Liliias Saylor, Rod & Anita Blindert, David Sensenig, John D Zimmerman, Norman L Snyder, Kevin Zimmerman, and Aaron Austin.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to Karla Schwantes to post in the Administration Building and at the Courthouse, also sent an agenda to Bob Middendorf, WGLR, and was posted in the front of the Ag Service Center Building. Media notices were sent to Karla Schwantes, Herald Independent, Tri County Press, Platteville Journal, and the Muscoda Progressive.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the agenda with a change that the election of officers will follow the Approval of the Agenda. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Robert Keeney opened the election for chairman; Roger Guthrie nominated Mark Stead for chairman. Pat Schroeder made a motion to close the nomination and cast unanimous ballot for Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder nominated Dale Hood for Vice-chair. Lester Jantzen made a motion to close the nomination and cast unanimous ballot for Dale Hood, seconded by Roger Guthrie. Motion carried.

Dale Hood nominated Lester Jantzen for secretary. Mark Stead made a motion to close the nomination and cast unanimous ballot for Lester Jantzen, seconded by Roger Guthrie. Motion carried.

Robert Keeney turned the meeting over to the new Chairman Mark Stead.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the March 20th, 2014 Planning and Zoning & April 1, 2014 LWCC Minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Map change

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing.

Lynda Schweikert presented information on the Chris Saylor request in Paris Twn from Farmland Preservation to Commercial C-1. The owner Chris Saylor spoke and told the board that this was for a Dog grooming business. The township approved this on March 11, 2014. No comments in opposition.

Lynda Schweikert presented information on the Mary Horner LE etal request in Potosi Twn from Farmland Preservation to Residential R-2. Rod Blindert spoke on behalf of the family and they are selling the house & land to a family member. The Township approved May 7, 2014. No comments in opposition

Chairman Stead closed the public hearing.

Reconvene to the CSZ Committee Meeting.

Public Comment: none

Comprehensive Plan Map change Recommendation to County Board:

#486-Alverna Haverland Est in Paris Twn requested changing the Comprehensive Plan Map from FLP to Mining M-2 of 59.73 ac. Paris township approved the request on March 3, 2014. Lester Jantzen made a motion to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan Map change to the County Board, seconded by Pat Schroeder. Motion carried.

#487-Joshua Warpinski Liberty Twn. requested changing the Comprehensive Plan Map from FLP to A-2 of 20.58ac. Liberty Twn approved the request on February 4, 2014. Pat Schroeder made a motion to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan Map change to the County Board, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

#488- Tom & Jean Schmieder in Jamestown Twn requested changing the Comprehensive Plan Map from CFR to Agriculture A-1 of 40.48 ac. Jamestown Twn approved the request February 4, 2014. Lester Jantzen made a motion to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan Map change to the County Board, seconded by Dwight Nelson. Motion carried.

#489 – Chris Saylor in Paris Twn requested changing the Comprehensive Plan Map from FLP to Commercial C-1 of 1.31 ac. Paris township approved the request March 11, 2014. Roger Guthrie made a motion to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan Map change to the County Board, seconded by Dwight Nelson. Motion carried.

#490- Mary Horner LE etal in Potosi Twn requested changing the Comprehensive Plan Map from FLP to Residential R-2 of 1.50ac. Potosi Twn approved the request April 7, 2014. Dale Hood made a motion to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan Map change to the County Board, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

Conditional Use Permit:

#14-02 - Parjim Farmland Holdings LLC in Fennimore Twn was withdrawn.

#14-03- Ivan Sensenig in Clifton Twn of 1.74ac requested a CUP for a New School house. Dave Sensenig the son of Ivan Sensenig spoke and said the request for a new school house and outbuilding. Clifton Twn approved the request April 4, 2014. Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve, seconded by Dwight Nelson. Motion carried.

#14-04 – Frederick, Eric, Carrie Brechler & Christy Cooley in Fennimore Twn requested selling the house and land of 1.95 ac. Fred Brechler spoke that they are selling off the house to a family member. Fennimore Twp approved this request on April 15, 2014. Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

Sanitary Permit Summary:

Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the Sanitary Permit summary, seconded by Dale Hood. Motion carried.

Outstanding Orders:

Lynda discussed with the Committee how the office is handling the delinquent sanitation facilities dating back to 2011. Currently 93 landowners haven't replaced their failing systems. 73 notices have been sent, and 24 of those were resolved. 20 systems have yet to be notified. Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the Outstanding Orders Report, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing Requests:

Lynda handed out and reviewed with the committee the County Cost Sharing Policy (Revised – 02/03/2011) which lists the General Cost Share Rates, the Maximum Cost Sharing Rates Paid to Producer, & County Cost Sharing Priorities.

Lynda presented a county cost sharing extension request for Doug Schauff, Cassville Twp., grade stabilization structure, \$1,984.00. Grade Stabilization Structure is done, just needs to be seeded. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the extension request to July 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a county cost sharing extension request for Fred Kieler, Paris Twp., grade stabilization structure \$1,455.00. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the extension request to December 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a county cost sharing extension request for JoAnne Gibson, Jamestown Twp., streambank protection project \$3,500.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, second by Dwight Nelson to approve the extension request to December 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$461.99 on a well decommissioning for John Gibson, Glen Haven Twp. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$290.00 on a well decommissioning for Nickie Pitzer, Potosi Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$500.00 on a well decommissioning #1 for Sunset View Farm, Kevin Wilson, Fennimore Twp. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$500.00 on a well decommissioning #2 for Sunset View Farm, Kevin Wilson, Fennimore Twp. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing Requests:

No DATCP cost sharing requests or final approvals to report.

Animal Waste Storage Ordinance Permit Approval

Lynda reported that Bryan Kauffman, Watterstown Twp., is requesting the closure of an earthen storage facility. Bryan has paid his \$50.00 permit fee. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve Bryan's permit. Motion carried.

Approval of 2014 SWRM Grant Contract

Lynda reported that we have received grant approval for the 2014 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant contract. DATCP has approved \$104,378 for staff and support expenses, \$67,500.00 for cost sharing & \$25,000.00 for Nutrient Management Plans. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the 2014 SWRM Grant. Motion carried.

Approval of 2014 NMFE Grant Contract

Lynda reported that we have received grant approval for the 2014 Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant contract for \$8,350. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the 2014 NMFE Grant. Motion carried.

Approval to Hire Soil Conservation Technician Position

Lynda reported that Al Neises will retire June 23, 2014. She asked the Committee for permission to fill the vacant position. She did include the position in the 2014 budget to start the new position in July. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve hiring a soil conservation technician. Motion carried.

Election of Southern Area Association & SW Badger Resource Conservation & Development Representative

Lynda reported that Vince Loeffelholz was the representative for the SAA, and Mark Stead reported that Dale Hood was the representative for SW Badger RC&D. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to elect Dale Hood to be the representative for the SAA, and for the SW Badger RC&D. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that the Southern Area Association Meeting is Scheduled for June 9th or 10th. Meeting will be held in Dodgeville at the Health and Human Services Building. There will be the election of new committee officers of the Southern Area Association.

Lynda reported that the Southern Area Summer Tour is on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 in Sauk County. This is an opportunity for the county to showcase their conservation efforts. The Badger Ammunition Plant Reclamation will be one of the sites that will be visited. The Southern Area consists of 11 Counties: Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Richland, Rock and Sauk.

Lynda reported that Grant County will be hosting a workshop for Local Planning and Zoning Officials on May 13th, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Youth and Agriculture Center. The Center for Land Use Education from Stevens Point will be down to put on a presentation for our committee, the town boards and board of adjustments. Cost of the training is \$25.00.

Lynda and Mark Stead received a letter from DATCP reminding us that December 31, 2015 is when all landowners that are in farmland preservation need to be in 100% compliance with the farmland preservation program statewide compliance standards. Lynda sent DATCP a response to inform them that everyone will receive a certificate of compliance by December 31, 2015. At this point we have 100 landowners left to spot-check for the farmland preservation program.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that on April 16 & 17 he helped Chris Baxter at UW Platteville with the High School Land Judging Contest.

Kevin reported that we had the tree sale pick up last week, and it went very well. We still have a few trees left over to sort and sell.

Kevin reported that he and Randy were busy this past month laying out more contour strips than they have in the past couple of years.

Kevin reported that he delivered Conservation Litanies to 14 Churches, trees to 21 schools for Arbor Day, and conservation theme activity books to 10 schools.

Kevin reported that FSA gave him a list about a month ago with about 40 Continuous CRP contracts that are set to expire on September 30, 2014. But, because of the new Farm Bill, FSA has not given Kevin the OK to start working on converting the expiring Continuous CRP to CREP.

NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz

No report given.

FSA Report: Jared Reuter

No report given. FSA had an emergency meeting today; this is why Jared and the FSA Representative are not here.

Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn until, June 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Location will be announced. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by
Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen