

# GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 3, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Grant County Conference Room (#266)  
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on June 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Stead, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman in the Grant County Conference Room of the Administration Building, 111 S. Jefferson St, Lancaster.

Board members present: Mark Stead, Lester Jantzen, Dale Hood, Dwight Nelson, and Myron Tranel. Pat Schroeder & Roger Guthrie, Excused. Others present: County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Todd Johnson-UW Extension, Jared Reuter-FSA, Joe Schmelz-NRCS, Patti Jackson-Kelly; NRCS, Assistant State Conservationist-FO. Public present: Ron Puls, Chris Saylor, Faber Runde, Denise Wachter, Kathy Huberty, Alan VanNatta, Linda Zinkle-Everitt, Dustin Kopp, Anita Blindert, Jason Billings, Ben Schroeder, Darrell Crapp, Marlin Carl, Pete Reinert, and Jason Rowe.

## **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 Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the May 6, 2014 CSZC Minutes with a change that Mark had reported that Dale Hood was the representative for SW Badger RC&D. Motion carried.

## **Approval of the Bills**

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the bills. Motion carried.

## **Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Map Change**

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing.

#491 – Dustin Kopp – S. Lancaster Twp. – FLP & A2 to R-3 1.5 ac. No comments in favor, no comments in opposition, no questions from Committee. Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing for the Dustin Kopp Property. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Myron Tranel to recommend to the County Board approval of the Comprehensive Plan Map change for Dustin Kopp. Motion carried.

## **Public Hearing Rezones**

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing for:

#14-01 – Alverna Haverland Est. – Paris Twp. – to rezone from FLP to M-2 of 59.73 ac. Ben Schroeder representing BARD asked to speak in favor of. This has gone before Paris Twp. board and has passed, 2 in favor and 1 opposed. Lynda received a phone request from David Hartig, with the Mississippi Forest Products concerned about additional water running off the property. Ben reassured the Committee that there will be a berm constructed that will reduce the watershed 57.0 ac. going onto David's property. No comments in opposition. Chairman Stead closed the Public Hearing for Alverna Haverland Est. – Paris Twp. Motion by

Dale Hood, seconded by Lester Jantzen to recommend to the County Board approval of the rezone for Alverna Haverland Est. Motion carried.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing for:

#14-02 – Joshua Warpinski – Liberty Twp. – to rezone from FLP to A2 of 20.58 ac. This has gone before Liberty Twp. board on January, 2014, passed with 3 in favor and 0 opposed. Marlin Carl had requested to speak in opposition of this rezone and has asked the CSZC to deny Joshua's request based on an agreement signed between Carl and Warpinski. Chairman Stead closed the Public Hearing on the Josh Warpinski property. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Myron Tranel to postpone their decision until the July 1, 2014 CSZC meeting, as more information is needed on this matter before a decision can be made. Motion carried.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing for:

#14-03 – Tom & Jean Schmieder – Jamestown Twp., - to rezone CFR to A-1 of 40.48 ac. This went before Jamestown Twp. board on February 4, 2014, passed with 4 in favor and 0 opposed. Favre Runde, Town Chairman, had requested to speak. Township has no problem with rezoning this parcel back to AG A-1. Kathy Huberty had requested to speak. Her concern is regarding the water standing stagnant in a trench. Kathy is against the rezone unless the ditch containing stagnant water is fixed. Chairman Stead closed the Public Hearing on the Tom & Jean Schmeieder property. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dwight Nelson to postpone their decision until the July 1, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing for:

#14-04 – Chris & Liliya Saylor – Paris Twp., - to rezone FLP to C-1 of 1.31 ac. This went before Paris Twp. on March 11, 2014, passed with 3 in favor and 0 opposed. Requesting to start a dog grooming business on their existing property. No comments in favor, no comments in opposition, no questions from Committee. Chairman Stead closed the Public Hearing on the Chris and Liliya Saylor property. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to recommend to the County Board approval of the rezone for Chris & Liliya Saylor. Motion carried.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing for:

#14-05 – Mary Horner LE et al. – Potosi Twp., to rezone FLP to R-2 of 1.50 ac. for a single family dwelling. This was taken to Potosi Twp. on April 7, 2014, passed with 3 in favor and 0 opposed. No comments in favor, no comments in opposition, no questions from Committee. Chairman Stead closed the Public Hearing on the Mary Horner LE et al property. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Lester Jantzen to recommend to the County Board approval of the rezone for Mary Horner LE et al. Motion carried.

#### **Public Hearing Conditional Use Permits:**

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing for:

#14-5 – Brad and Denise Wachter, property in Millville, Twp., - 2.0 ac. Denise Wachter is requesting to parcel off a piece of property from FPP to create a nonfarm residence. Millville Twp. met on May 19, 2014, passed with 3 in favor and 0 opposed. No comments in favor, no comments in opposition, no questions from Committee. Chairman Stead closed the Public Hearing on the Wachter property in Millville Twp. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the Conditional Use Permit. Motion carried.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing for:

#14-6 – Earl Schaefer property in the Hickory Grove Twp., 2.50 ac. Requesting a conditional use permit to create a nonfarm residence. Hickory Grove Twp. met on May 13, 2014, passed with 3 in favor and 0 opposed. No comments in favor, no comments in opposition, no questions from Committee. Chairman Stead closed the Public Hearing on the Schaefer property. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the Conditional Use Permit. Motion carried.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing for:

#14-7 – Bard Materials, Vogt Quarry, Jamestown, Twp. Bard has been operating this and needs to renew their 3 year conditional use permit. Jamestown Twp. met on May 6, 2014, passed with 5 in favor and 0 opposed. This quarry meets the state and county statutes and has a reclamation plan. No comments in favor, no comments in opposition, no questions from Committee. Chairman Stead closed the Public Hearing on the Bard Materials, Vogt Quarry. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the Conditional Use Permit. Motion carried.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#14-8 – Family Lucky 7 Farms LLC, Potosi Twp. met on June 2, 2014, passed with 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Requesting to create a nonfarm residence. Jason Rowe asked if only the 1.43 acre with the house, well, and septic was going to be sold, and the rest of the farm will remain as farmland. Jason Billings with the Family Lucky 7 Farms LLC responded, that is correct. Chairman Stead closed the Public Hearing on the Family Lucky 7 Farms LLC. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the Conditional Use Permit. Motion carried.

### **Discussion on Policy of How to Address Erroneously Zoned Parcels**

Lynda presented several examples where the official zoning map has erroneously zoned parcels. Lynda would like to develop a policy to waive a portion of the zoning fee when rezoning these erroneously zoned parcels. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dwight Nelson to accept Lynda's proposal to reduce the rezone fee from \$750.00 to \$400.00 on those parcels that were erroneously mapped on the official zoning map. Motion carried.

### **Discussion on How to Address Comprehensive Plan Map Changes**

Lynda opened discussion on the current policy to bring all rezone requests to Committee/County Board for a change in the Comprehensive Plan first. This is not the policy for the surrounding Counties. Lynda has contacted Corporate Counsel and is waiting for answers back from them on the definition of consistency.

### **Sanitary Permit Summary**

Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dwight Nelson to accept the Sanitary Permit Summary. Motion carried.

### **Outstanding Orders**

The 90 delinquent individuals have had a letter sent out to them. Those letters will be coming due in July, so we will hopefully be seeing some compliance at that time. Working with Corporate Council to see how we are going to enforce those that have not worked toward replacing their failing systems. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the Outstanding Orders Report. Motion carried.

### **County Cost Sharing Requests**

Lynda presented a county cost sharing extension request to September 30, 2014, for Ray Bruner, Hickory Grove Twp., well decommissioning project, \$500.00. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the extension request to September 30, 2014. Motion carried.

Lynda presented 3 county cost sharing extension requests to November 30, 2014, for Dan Reynolds, Potosi Twp., grade stabilization structure, \$1,862.00; Ken Kunkel, Jamestown Twp., streambank protection project \$1,509.75; Doug Schauff, Waterloo Twp., streambank protection project \$313.00. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 3 extension requests to November 30, 2014. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a county cost sharing cancellation request for Lisa Bartels, North Lancaster Twp., well decommissioning project, \$500.00. Have tried to contact Lisa numerous times, has not returned any of our phone calls. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the cancellation request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Raymond Sloan, Harrison Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve Raymond's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Chris Brown, Platteville Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve Chris's request. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a waste facility closure for Mike Ellis, Patch Grove Twp., \$3,500.00. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dale Hood to approve Mike's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a waste facility closure for Doris Vesperman, South Lancaster Twp., \$3,500.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve Doris's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Chris Neises, Patch Grove Twp., \$3,344.50. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve Chris's request. Motion carried.

#### **SWRM Cost Sharing Requests**

No DATCP cost sharing requests or final approvals to report.

#### **Animal Waste Storage Ordinance Permit Approvals**

Lynda reported that Travis Tranel, Tranel Farms, is installing a concrete storage facility. Have received certification that their construction design meets standards. They are in the process of developing a Nutrient Management Plan. The approval of the permit would be contingent upon them turning in their NMP before any use of the manure storage facility. Their \$200.00 permit fee has been paid. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve Travis's permit. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that Todd Wiest, has a manure storage facility under a hog building that he would like to abandon. Todd has paid his \$50.00 permit fee. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve his permit. Motion carried.

#### **Grant County Fair**

Lynda asked the committee if they would like us to put up a display at the Grant County Fair. FSA and NRCS would also like to team up with us. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dwight Nelson to expend the money for the fair booth. Motion carried.

#### **CSZD Administrator Report**

Lynda reported that the Southern Area Association Meeting is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Lynda reported that The Center for Land Use Education from Stevens Point gave a presentation on local planning and zoning on May 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Youth and Agriculture Center. Committee felt it was a very informative presentation, and lots of information presented in a small amount of time.

Lynda reported that David Reuter has passed his Soils Tester Certification; he is now fully certified in his position.

Lynda reported that she would like for one member of the committee, Chairman Stead, to be on the interview panel for the Soil Conservation Technician. Joe Schmelz, DC, was also asked to sit in on the interview panel.

**FPP Report: Kevin Lange**

Kevin presented a Cancellation of Notice of NonCompliance with Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credit Requirements for Jerald Stanfley, South Lancaster, Twp. Jerald has submitted his Nutrient Management Plan and is back in compliance with Farmland Preservation.

Kevin presented 3 Voluntary Notices of NonCompliance for FPP: Robert N. Nihles, Clifton Twp., David & Julie Nihles, Lima Twp., and Hi View Shorthorns, Inc., South Lancaster. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Myron Tranel to approve the Cancellation of Notice of NonCompliance and the 3 Voluntary Notices of NonCompliance for FPP. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that this is the time of year that the spot checks for Farmland Preservation Program are getting done.

Kevin is also trying to fit some time in with Jeff Krueger and David Reuter to learn more of the Sanitation and Zoning.

**NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz**

Joe reported that NRCS is able to start obligating money to the 30 EQIP applications, contracting approximately \$700,000 for those 30 applications.

- Starting to work through the CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program), with those landowners that have been preselected. Can start mapping and doing the field reviews.
- Joe has done some advertising on the radio and in the papers regarding a cover crop signup through EQIP that is going on right now. Try to get everyone that signed up through the office by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- We get a lot of questions about sodbusting and about HEL determinations. Since the increase in grain prices we have seen an increase in sodbuster and wetland determinations. Fiscal Year 2013, October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 there were about 113 sodbuster requests and about 30 wetland determinations. FY 2014 from October 1, 2013 to June 1, 2014 there were already 105 sodbusters filed, and 24 wetland requests and there is still 4 months left of FY14 to have more requests come in. The requests average in size from .7 to 70.0 acres per request. In the last couple of years we have had approximately 1,600 to 1,700 acres brought into production that was either is pasture or woodland.

Lynda introduced Patti Jackson Kelly, Assistant State Conservationist - FO.

- Pattie reported that NRCS is supportive with the county conservation department.
- Pattie reported that the EQIP local workgroup process has changed, there will be 3 counties: Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette that will be having a joint workgroup meeting to be held on July 8, 2014 from 9:00 to 12:00. EQIP will be molded for the needs in the county. This meeting is for the counties to have their input regarding the ranking process, to review the resource concerns and to prioritize the resource concerns.

**FSA Report: Jared Reuter**

- Jared reported that they are redesigning the office so there is a direct line of sight to the employee.
- Will be advertising today to hire 2 temporary employees to work 40 hours a piece every 2 weeks for 8 weeks
- The livestock forage program is very busy at this time. This is for the 2012 drought on pasture loss. Payments are based on; improved, unimproved, clovers, and grasses. Based on what kind, and how

many cattle have been on pasture. Payments have ranged from \$2,000 to \$17,000. Producers have until January 1, 2015 to sign up. These appointments will be the end of July into August.

- Jared reported that money is not going to be a problem in the future with the Farm Loan. Going from \$540 million nationwide to \$1.2 billion for money available for farm loans.
- ACRE certification is here, if you have crop insurance you still need to certify in the ACRE program. You need to certify to sign up for the fall sign up.
- Crop Certification is underway. Appointments are about 2 ½ weeks out. Deadline to certify is July 15, 2014.
- The new Dairy program: ARCPLC program does not have much information out on this.
- No word on a CRP sign up. Busy with CRP cost sharing, revisions, successions, and buyouts.

Dale asked for items to take to the RC&D meeting. Lynda wants Dale to inquire of the Invasive Species Coordinator position.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn until July 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Location will be announced. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen