

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

July 1, 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 July 1, 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, Linda Ruchti, and Roger Guthrie. Pat Schroeder, Excused. Others present: County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Janet Graney, Todd Johnson-UW Extension, Joe Schmelz-NRCS. Public present: Kathy Huberty, Tom Schneider, Marlin Carl, Dustin Kopp, and Ben Schroeder.

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Hood to approve the agenda with the change that there will be no action taken on the Josh Warpinski Rezone, as he has withdrawn his request. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the June 3, 2014 CSZC Minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

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

Public Hearing Rezone:

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#14-09-Dustin Kopp in South Lancaster Township to rezoning 1.50ac from FLP & A-2 to R-3.

In Favor: South Lancaster Township approved on May 14, 2014.

In Opposition: none

In Interest: none

Lester Jantzen made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Dale Hood. Motion carried.

Roger Guthrie made a motion to recommend to the County Board approval of the rezone for Dustin Kopp, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Conditional Use Permit:

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#14-09 – Conditional use Permit for Bard Material for Mining in the Haverland Quarry zoned Industrial M-2 in Paris Township. Paris Township approved the conditional use permit for 5 years on April 8, 2014 with the stipulation that Bard Material has to contact all the neighbors in the area and James Wiederholt when it comes time to blasting the quarry.

In Favor: Paris Township

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dale Hood made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Haverland quarry for 5 years with the conditions, seconded by Dwight Nelson. Motion carried.

Action by Committee regarding rezone for:

#14-02-Joshua Warpinski – Lynda reported that Joshua Warpinski has withdrawn his application

Action by Committee regarding request for a refund of fees for application withdrawal

Lynda reported that Tom Schmieder wishes to withdraw his request to rezone 40.48ac in Jamestown Twp from CFR to A-1 and requested a refund of his application fee. Tom Schmieder spoke that he was going to farm the property and due to the time frame of the rezone it was too late to plant. After discussion from the board on the refund of the application fee, Roger Guthrie made a motion to not refund the money but to waive the fee in the future, in case Mr. Schmieder decides to rezone this property of 40.48ac to A-1 no fee will be charged, seconded by Dale Hood. Motion carried.

Sanitary Permit summary:

Lester Jantzen made a motion to accept the Sanitary Permit summary, seconded by Linda Ruchti. Motion carried.

Outstanding Orders/Compliance:

Roger Guthrie made a motion to accept the Outstanding Orders/Compliance report, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Closed Session per state statute 19.85(1)(c) in considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically as it relates to the performance evaluation of the Administrator of the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to go into closed session at 9:23 a.m. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to return back to Open Session at 10:13 a.m. Motion carried.

FSA Report: Jared Reuter

- Jared has asked to present his report at this time.
- FSA is approximately 50% done with crop certification. Started crop certification around the 3rd week of May. Will have an appointment register to schedule appointments into August for landowners to timely report their crops after the July 15th deadline.
- Also have a livestock forage program which is dating back to the drought of 2012. Sign up is for individuals that had livestock out on pasture. Livestock owners can certify their cattle numbers and certify the pasture acres. If spot checked, they will need to provide supporting documentation of cattle numbers they had on pasture. Grant County had 40 applications; paying out a half a million dollars. Those signing up for the livestock forage program have until January 1, 2015.
- Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) - this is for the flooded pastures by Boscobel in 2013. Will have approximately 450 applications for this program. This sign up ends August 1, 2014.
- A new dairy program will be coming out toward the middle of August. Producers can take the basic coverage for \$100.00 or they can increase the coverage based on milk prices and feed costs.
- New program replacing the ACRE program. It will be the ARCPLC (Ag Risk Contract & Price Loss Contract) the price loss contract will concentrate on the yields, like crop insurance.

- CRP sign up has been announced and extension letters have been sent out to landowners that have land expiring this fall. They are able to extend their existing contract for 1 year or they can start over with a new sign up. There are approximately 100 CRP contracts that are expiring on September 30, 2014. The TIP (Transition Incentive Program) for CRP acres allows for the transition of CRP land to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer so land can be returned to grazing or crop production. CRP contracts that are expiring can rent their land to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer so the landowner can receive 2 years' worth of CRP rental payments along with regular rental payments for renting his farm. Limited amount of money is set aside for the TIP. Once the funding is allocated, no more acres will be accepted.
- Jared will be out surveying the county for storm damage and will send in a report of the damage in the county. With all the small storm events – if you accumulate a 30% loss on any crop, county wide, you may end up with a secretarial designation which may make you eligible for any disaster programs/loans in the future. The emergency board members are: Jared Reuter, Joe Schmelz, Lynda Schweikert, Dennis Hottenstein, and Ted Bay.

County Cost Sharing Requests

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$500.00 on a well decommissioning for Doug Wiedenbeck, Beetown Twp. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$2,205.00 on a manure storage abandonment project for Bryan and Mindy Kaufmann, Watterstown Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$1,605.66 on a grade stabilization structure for Doug Schauff, Cassville Twp. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$1,307.00 on a rip rap project for Larry Lyons, Beetown Twp. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on 5 well decommissionings for John Adams, Beetown Twp., \$ 390.00; N&R Management LLC (Nancy & Roger Krantz), North Lancaster Twp., \$500.00; Robert Stivarius, Lima Twp., \$325.00; John Bomkamp, Muscoda Twp., \$390.00-Sand Pit Well #1; John Bomkamp, Muscoda Twp., \$390.00-Sand Pit Well #2. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the 5 well decommissioning requests. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing Requests

Lynda presented final approval request for 2013 extension DATCP cost sharing of \$1,848.19 on a rip rap project for Bryan Tippet, Hazel Green Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for 2014 DATCP cost sharing on a grassed waterway repair for Doug Leibfried, Harrison Twp., \$2,100.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve Doug's request. Motion carried.

Animal Waste Storage Ordinance Permit Approvals

Lynda reported that Mike Ellis, Bloomington Twp. wanted to abandon an earthen with concrete bottom dairy storage facility. Received his permit and \$50.00 permit fee on June 5, 2014. Mike wished to immediately proceed with construction so Lynda signed the permit on June 5, 2014. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to concur with Lynda's decision. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that she will be meeting with Nancy in August for the 2015 budget. Lynda asked the committee for any recommendations, comments or concerns for the 2015 budget. A 9-12% health insurance increase is predicted, have heard no word on the state funding/state grant money – assume status quo as to what we received this year. The executive committee recommendation is to estimate a 2% wage increase.

Lynda reported that she did confer with Patrick Henneger with Phillip Brylski, he had sent Lynda a report as to his interpretation of the comprehensive plan if it is consistent or not.

Lynda reported that Al Neises' last day was June 23, 2014, 29 years and 7 days. Mark Stead and Lynda had an interview process as well as a skills' assessment set up for the 4 individuals that were going to be interviewed for the technician position. It has been agreed to hire Erik Heagle from Menasha, WI. He is working in Calumet County as an LTE and has requested to start his employment in Grant County on August 11, 2014.

Lynda asked if there were any comments on the Southern Area Association meeting that was held on June 9th. This meeting was for voting for President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer & Area Coordinator. Dale Hood was nominated for the Representative for the WLWCA, Mark and Lynda are the alternates for the WLWCA committee.

Lynda reported that the Southern Area Summer Tour is on Wednesday July 30, 2014 in Sauk County. There are 9 staff and committee members planning to attend.

Lynda reported that they had a Board of Adjustment Meeting on June 5th where an individual was requesting a variance of a pre-existing nonconforming structure. The zoning ordinance was passed and the concrete pad to his barnyard was already in the setback from the right a way. He was requesting to put a roof over the concrete pad. The board of adjustment denied his variance stating that he did not meet the variance requirements.

Lynda reported that she will be on vacation on July 14 – 18.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin presented 3 Voluntary Notices of NonCompliance for FPP: Doug Ketterer, Hickory Grove Twp., Robert Lolwing, Potosi Twp., and Elaine Uppena, Potosi Twp. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 3 Voluntary Notices of NonCompliance for FPP. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that he will be finishing up with his spot checks in the next couple of weeks and will then start working on CREP. FSA has sent over 40+ expiring continuous CRP participants, to see if they are eligible to roll into a CREP contract.

NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz

Joe reported that the Local Workgroup Meeting is on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pioneer Lanes in Platteville. There will be Grant, Lafayette, and Iowa Counties that will join together to discuss the priorities in the EQIP program. In the past there used to be Cropland and Pastureland pools of money. Now there will be pools of money for Cropland, Pastureland, Forestry, and Farmstead that landowners in all 3 counties will be competing against. EQIP will continue to decrease in funds in the future years. For 2014, the state was issued \$27 million statewide. The base allocation for 2015 is \$12 million.

- Joe reported that Marlene Sorenson will be leaving NRCS. Marlene's last day will be July 11, 2014 and will be retiring. Hopefully in the near future the vacancy will be filled. This is a busy time of year to be short a staff member. Busy working on EQIP contracting, CSP contracting, and all the CRP

(Continuous, HELI, and Haying and Grazing) conservation planning workload. There is no general CRP sign up this year.

- The EQIP cover crop sign up will end on July 11, 2014. The cover crop contracts will be obligated by the end of August.

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to adjourn until August 5, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Location will be announced. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen