

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 5, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Grant County Ag Services Center Conference Room
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on August 5, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Stead, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman in the Grant County Ag Services Center Conference Room, 150 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster.

Board members present: Mark Stead, Lester Jantzen, Dale Hood, Dwight Nelson, Chuck Raisbeck, Roger Guthrie, and Pat Schroeder. Others present: County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Janet Graney, Todd Johnson-UW Extension, Joe Schmelz-NRCS, Cara Carper, RC&D. Public present: Ben Schroeder, Brent Dahl, LeRoy Ihm, Steve Winger, Jason Billings, Doris Vesperman, Terry Bailie, Dick Roghers, Linda Helbing, Russ Helbing, Stacy J. W., and Dan Timmerman.

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 Pat Schroeder to approve the Amended Agenda. Lynda requested to move the NRCS report above the RC&D report. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the July 1, 2014 CSZC Minutes with the correction that a motion was made by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Linda Ruchti, not Lester Jantzen, to approve the Sanitary Permit Summary. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Rezone:

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#492 - Richard & Delores Roghers in Fennimore Township rezoning 3.92 ac. from FLP to A-2 for a single family dwelling.

In Favor: Fennimore Township approved it on July 14, 2014.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Pat Schroeder made a motion to recommend approval to the County Board, seconded by Roger Guthrie. Motion carried.

#493 – Russell & Linda Helbing in Jamestown Township rezoning 40.33 ac. from FLP to A-2 to make the land conforming to his adjacent property.

In Favor: Jamestown Township approved it on July 8, 2014.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: Mr. Helbing told the board that the property is all wood and in the future may be building a house on the property.

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Lester Jantzen made a motion to recommend approval to the County Board, seconded by Pat Schroeder. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Conditional Use Permits:

CUP#14-10: City of Lancaster Airport for reconstruction of the airport runway Zoned Industrial M-1 in South Lancaster Township Section 36 T4N R3W.

In Favor: South Lancaster Township approved it on June 11, 2014.

Brent Dahl from Becher –Hoppe Associates, Inc representing the City of Lancaster showed what construction was going to be done on the airport runway. Fly zone easement for the run way over the Terry Bailie farm on the North & South end of run way.

In Opposition: Terry Bailie was concerned with how this was going to affect his taxes. He can still do the farming on his land which is in the fly zone area.

Pat Schroeder asked if a plane goes down in the corn field who pays for the damages. Terry Bailie said that the planes that have gone down in his corn field; no payment has been paid to him for damages.

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve, seconded by Roger Guthrie. Motion carried.

CUP#14-11: Carlotta Ashton to reopen the quarry by Bard material Zoned Farmland Preservation.in South Lancaster Township.

In Favor: South Lancaster approved it on April 16, 2014

In Opposition: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing:

Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Quarry for 5 years, seconded by Dwight Nelson. Motion carried.

CUP#14-12: Family Lucky 7 Farm LLC to sell 3.14 ac in the Farmland Preservation to Jason Billings for a single family dwelling in Potosi Township. The previous Cup# 14-08 of 1.43ac. will be voided due to the change in size and acreage.

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

Sanitary Permit Summary:

Dwight Nelson made a motion to accept the Sanitary Permit summary, seconded by Pat Schroeder. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Fund Report:

Dwight Nelson made a motion to accept the Wisconsin Fund Report, seconded by Roger Guthrie. Motion carried.

NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz

Joe Schmelz reported that they are entering the last couple of months of the fiscal year that ends September 30th. There will be lots of CRP work, additional cleanup work with the CSP and EQIP contracts. NRCS currently has an EQIP sign up going on right now. The proposed closing date for accepting EQIP applications is October 1st. We have a fairly large list of names of landowners expressing interest for FY2015 EQIP funds.

NRCS has made an offer to hire Lisa Zamzow to replace, Soil Conservationist, Marlene Sorenson. Lisa has accepted the position and will start her new position here on September 21, 2014.

RC&D Presentation: Cara Carper

Cara Carper introduced herself and RC&D. She gave a brief description of their history. Cara spoke about the active projects that RC&D are involved with in Grant County: Aquatic Invasive Species, Forestry, Grazing, & Weed Management. There are a number of members from Grant County on the Southwest Badger Board: Dale Hood, John Schindler, and Ela Kakde. RC&D has been funded mostly on grants, and also a little bit of funding from the counties. At the June 2014 RC&D meeting, the board increased the dues from \$200 to \$2,500.00 per county. Cara stated that they may be able to write some grants to get some money to come back to the county. Lynda asked if there has been any talk of RC&D getting a Nutrient Management Planner or Nutrient Management Coordinator. No, there has not been. Lynda requested that Cara send her a copy of the RC&D budget to her.

Animal Waste Storage Permit Approval

Lynda reported that Doris Vesperman was approved for county cost sharing in July. Doris has a concrete dairy storage facility to abandon. She has the closure plan, and has paid her \$50.00 closure permit fee. She would like the committee's approval to properly abandon her waste storage facility Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve her request. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing Requests

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$3,500.00 on a waste facility closure for Mike Ellis, Patch Grove Twp. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for David Noble, North Lancaster Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve David's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a waste facility closure for Tom Bennett, Little Grant Twp., \$3,500.00. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve Tom's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on 1st year cover crop for Karen Yelinek, Clifton Twp., \$502.50; 1st year cover crop for Todd Wiest, Cassville Twp., \$565.00; 1st year cover crop for Tim Walz, West Bloomington Twp., \$974.50; 1st year cover crop for David Kuhle, Hazel Green Twp., \$1,000.00; 1st year cover crop for Todd Fischer, East Bloomington Twp., \$1,000.00; 1st year cover crop for Jeff Braudt, Hickory Grove Twp., \$1,000.00; 3rd year cover crop for Tom Kunkel, Smelser Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 8 cover crop requests. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing Requests

None to Report

Discussion of New Vehicle

Lynda would like permission to start looking into purchasing a new vehicle. In the Vehicle account of the budget we have \$25,987. Lynda is asking to retain the 2002 Ford F150 for the new technician, and get a new truck for the Zoning/Sanitation Tech's, since the van is not the most feasible vehicle to take out in the field. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Lester Jantzen to allow Lynda to look into purchasing a new vehicle and to retain the 2002 Ford 150. Motion carried.

Public Property Request

Lynda brought a request from the office to look into a postage meter of what the cost would be. We would need to purchase the machine upfront for \$1,490.00, then pay a \$37.00 monthly fee for the "postage meter" which is hooked up to the internet; this is how the USPS regulates the postage, then you would have a

\$200/year maintenance fee. The first year cost would be \$2,134.00 + \$4,000.00 actual postage. The second year cost would be \$644.00 + \$4,000.00 actual postage. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Mark Stead to not approve the postage meter request. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that she went to a budget meeting on August 4th with all the department heads. Lynda worked up draft budget and the major change from last year was the proposed 2% in the payroll schedule and the increase of the health insurance.

Lynda mentioned that David has been sending out citations. David has sent out 85 letters and of those 85 letters he has sent out 35 citations. About 12 of the 35 are still working toward compliance. August 25th will be the 1st court date for the citations. Citation fee is \$200.50.

Lynda reported that we had our Southern Area Tour on July 30th, in Sauk County. 1st stop on the SAA Tour was the Devil's Lake State Park; High Phosphorus levels in the lake. The 2nd stop was the Ag plastics recycling program. The plastic is then hauled to Columbia County where they have a baler system that bales the plastic. Then we traveled to The Badger Ammunition Plant. Excellent video that was played on the bus ride. The USDA owns a portion of the property. They were doing a test plot of planting roundup ready alfalfa as a cover crop with roundup ready corn to be chopped for corn silage in the same field. At another location of the ammunition plant, a grad student is working with goats for meat and grazing them in an area to control invasive species. The goats can reach up to 7 feet to eat the woody vegetation. It will take 6 to 7 years to control and maintain the brush management. She had a Pyrenees dog and a donkey in with the goats to protect them from the predators. Had a very nice tour!!!

Lynda reported that she has been working with the Southwest WI Regional Planning which they are contracted for the nonmetallic mining. They will be working on changes to the Ordinance and Financial Assurance. Will be taking a look at changing the fees and different ways to charge the financial assurance.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin presented 1 Voluntary Notice of NonCompliance for FPP: Kevin & Peggy Udelhofen, North Potosi Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the Voluntary Notice of NonCompliance for FPP. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that they filled out new certificate of compliances for June Grass, North Potosi Twp. and Janice Williams in Wingville Twp. and Vosberg Farms LLC added their Harrison Twp. property to what they were already claiming.

Kevin reported that he has been busy working on CREP. He was under the assumption that he had until the end of September to get the CREP done, but has been informed that he only has until September 5th.

FSA Report: Jared Reuter

Jared was not in attendance. Chuck Raisbeck reported that they are working on the 2012 (Drought) Livestock Disaster Program; extra staff has been brought in to assist with this large sign up. Still busy certifying crop acres.

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to adjourn until September 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen