

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Grant County Conference Room (#266)
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on January 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Stead, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman in the Grant County Conference Room #266, 111 S. Jefferson St., Lancaster.

Board members present: Mark Stead, Lester Jantzen, Dale Hood, Dwight Nelson, Roger Guthrie, Pat Schroeder and Myron Tranel. Others present: County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Lisa Zamzow, and Joyce Roling.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to Karla Schwantes and Linda Gebhard 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, Linda Gebhard, Herald Independent, Tri County Press, Platteville Journal, and the Muscoda Progressive.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the December 2, 2014, CSZC Minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None

Public Hearing Rezone:

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#505 - Eric & Linda Van Natta in Ellenboro Township rezoning 1.00 ac. from Farmland Preservation to Residential R-2, to correct the zoning for an existing single family dwelling that is on prime farm ground.

In Favor: Ellenboro Township approved on February 5, 2014.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Committee went through the worksheet to review the Standards to Rezone land out of FPP.

(See Attachment A)

Myron Tranel made a motion to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Dwight Nelson. Motion carried.

#506 – Rutkowski Bros. Land LLC in Ellenboro Township rezoning 96.00 ac. from Industrial M-1 to Industrial M-2, to correct the zoning classification to allow non-metallic mining.

In Favor: Ellenboro Township approved on November 12, 2014.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Pat Schroeder made a motion to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Dwight Nelson. Motion carried.

Sanitary Permit Summary:

Sanitary permits issued to date: 28 reconnects, 2 privys, 2 revised permits for transfer. There were 109 replacement permits for the year; along with 59 new permits totaling 168 total permits issued in 2014. Totals were about the same as last years' totals. Roger Guthrie made a motion to accept the Sanitary Permit Summary, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Fund Report:

Lester Jantzen made a motion to accept the Wisconsin Fund Report, seconded by Myron Tranel. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing Requests

Lynda presented 1 county cost share cancellation request for Todd Fischer, Marion Twp., on a manure storage project for \$3,500.00. He has made changes and no longer needs the cost share. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve Todd's cancellation request. Motion carried

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$165.00 on a well decommissioning for Dustin Kopp, South Lancaster Twp. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$2,008.94 on a storage abandonment for Doris Vesperman, South Lancaster Twp. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval requests for county cost sharing on 3 well decommissionings for Mike Meier, West Beetown, Twp. \$500.00; Neal Donner, Muscoda Twp. \$500.00; and for Gerard Abing, Platteville Twp. \$149.50. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve the 3 well decommissioning requests. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing Requests

Lynda presented final approval request for 2014 DATCP cost sharing of \$3,387.15 on a grade stabilization structure project for Bruce Wagner, Paris Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Myron Tranel to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

The DATCP cost sharing of \$63,095.09 has been allocated to practices that the committee had extended at the December meeting. The \$62,500 was the 2015 DATCP cost sharing amount allocated to Grant County. A great improvement by the state this year, the cost sharing money was allocated to the counties much earlier this year.

9:25 a.m. Motion to go into closed session pursuant 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment promotion, compensation or performance evaluation specific to the vacancy of Administrative 1 position and reorganization of the office structure. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to go into closed session. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Upon completion of the closed session, the Committee shall reconvene in open session for the purpose of taking up remaining agenda items. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Lester Jantzen to reconvene back into open session at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Approval to Fill Vacant Position Created by Retirement of Administrative 1 Position

Myron Tranel moves to restructure the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Department staff positions by eliminating the Administrative Assistant 1 position, adding an Office Assistant II position and reorganize the Administrative Assistant II position to a Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Department Programs Assistant at a step 2 rate, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

Review Labor and Machinery Hour / Rates

Lynda handed out the County Cost Sharing Policy. Last time this was revised was 02/03/2011. Lynda will send a blank cost sharing priorities sheet to the committee so they can rank the practices in the High, Medium, and Low Categories. Will go over the committee's results at the February committee meeting to rank the practices.

Approval of WLWCA Dues

WLWCA has sent out their 2015 Annual Dues Invoice. The current request is for \$1,426.06, and this is what we have in our budget. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Myron Tranel to approve paying the 2015 annual dues of \$1,426.06. Motion carried.

Approval of the RC&D Dues

Earlier in the year RC&D gave a presentation to the committee of what they do for Grant County, and had made the request to increase our dues from \$200.00 to \$2,500.00. No decisions were made at that time, to pay the increased amount. RC&D has now invoiced us for the 2015 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion by Myron Tranel to approve the RC&D dues amount that is approved in the budget, (\$200) seconded by Mark Stead. Motion carried.

Discussion on Changing Our Monthly Meeting Day Due to Dale Hood Serving on the WI Land & Water Board

Dale Hood explained that the WI Land & Water Board meets on the first Tuesday every other month, starting in February. Dale is on the WI Land & Water Board through the WI Land & Water Association. They meet in Madison for their meetings. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Myron Tranel to leave the CSZC meetings set for the 1st Tuesday of the month. Motion carried.

Approval to Attend WLWCA Annual Conference

The Annual WLWCA Conference will be held March 9-11, 2015, in Appleton. If committee members are interested in attending they need to complete the registration form. Lynda is asking for approval to send 4 staff members. Committee members interested in attending are: Mark, Dwight, Lester, and Dale. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Lester to approve the 4 staff members and 4 committee members to attend the WLWCA Conference. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that they have just completed the Nutrient Management Farmer Education Training Class. She had 11 people signed up for the class, 10 people attended and completed the class, and 1 will finish the class at a later date. It is a very good service that we provide to our farmers who are interested in writing their own Nutrient Management Plans. It is a very interesting class; Lisa, Annette, Eric, and Kevin assisted this year.

Lynda reported that the 2002 Ford F150 needed some more repair. It needed a thermostat and the 2nd ignition coil went out. Once 1 ignition coil goes, they will all eventually need to be replaced (8) total. Cost is approximately \$300.00 a coil.

Kevin gave a report on the Deer Management Committee with DNR. When Governor Walker was elected he instructed the DNR to set up a Deer Management Advisory Committee which is made up of 7 different stakeholders; tourism, highway, farmers, forester, agriculture, DNR biologist, and wildlife groups. Their recommendation to the DNR was to keep the deer herd the same. Their next meeting is in February.

Ice Cream Social for Janet Graney's retirement farewell is on January 22, from 1-3 in our office.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that if you are spot checked in 2013 for FPP and if you need any work done to get into compliance, you are given a year to obtain compliance. Most of the issues are NMP's. He has 26 Notices of NonCompliance: Terry Abing, Lima Twp., Gerard Abing, Platteville Twp., Roger Arensdorff, Jamestown Twp., William Biefer, Wingville Twp., Dan Cauffman, Mt. Ida Twp., Stanley E. & Marilyn J. Davies, Woodman Twp., Levi & Sarah Fischer, Fennimore Twp., Rodney D. & Kay E. Gilbertson, Wingville Twp., Dale L. & Carol Ann Hood, Platteville Twp., Scott Jantzen, Lima Twp., Larry & Lori Jerrett, S. Lancaster Twp., Bernard L. & Elaine M. Keller, Liberty Twp., Rossell L. & Marilyn J. Kephart, Fennimore Twp., Doug Moris, Mt. Ida, Twp., Robert J. & Jane E. Napp, Fennimore Twp., David & Julie Nihles, Lima Twp., Henry & Elizabeth Nisley, Clifton Twp., David C. Orton, Clifton Twp., Steve & Joyce Roling, Paris Twp., Randy & Kim Spease, Ellenboro Twp., Jacob & Martha Stoltzfus, Fennimore Twp., Francis & Dale Vosberg, Jamestown Twp., Denise Wachter, Millville Twp., Merrill W. & LaVon A Weittenhiller, Clifton Twp., Gary L. & Sharon L. Withrow, Lima Twp., William & Brenda Wood, Fennimore Twp. Motion by Myron Tranel, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the 26 Notices of NonCompliance. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that we have approximately 24, 2015 Tree Order Forms turned in.

NRCS Report: Lisa Zamzow

- ❖ Lisa reported that EQIP has 120 practices, for about \$360,000
- ❖ NRCS has 43 CRP contracts for \$145,000. Total for 10 year payment for CRP is \$2.2 million
- ❖ Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) has 30 contracts in fiscal year 2014 for the life of the stewardship program was \$1.1 million. \$217,000, and for the life of the stewardship program is \$1.1 million.
- ❖ CRP rental rates have increased. The mid-management practices are down to just mowing or burning.
- ❖ There is around 150 HEL determinations and approximately 30 wetland determinations that they received in FY 2014.
- ❖ Lisa reported on Agribility: It is an organization that helps Wisconsin farmers with disabilities that wish to continue to farm. This is through UW Extension and Easter Seals.

Judge Posters

We only had 2 grade levels that had poster participation in: grades 2-3 and grades 4-6. The judging results for grades 2-3 were: 1st Place; Matthew Winch, Individual from Fennimore, 2nd Place; Diana Herbers, St. Mary School, Bloomington, 3rd Place; Deanna Ramaker, St. Joseph School, Hazel Green. Grade level 4-6 poster contest winners in the local level are: 1st Place, Brenna Ragatz, Lancaster Winskill Elementary School, 2nd Place, Rose White, Lancaster Winskill Elementary School, 3rd Place, Aven Junk, Lancaster Winskill Elementary School. Matthew and Brenna, the first place winners will move on to the Area judging.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn until February 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen

Attachment A

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 1/9/15 Landowner: Eric VanNatta

The Grant County Board may not rezone land out of a farmland preservation zoning district unless the Grant County Zoning and Sanitation Committee finds all of the following in writing, after public hearing, as part of the official record of the rezoning:

1. The rezoned land is better suited for a use not allowed in the farmland preservation zoning district.

Yes

or

No

Explain: Always been residential

2. The rezoning is consistent with any comprehensive plan, adopted by the Grant County Board which is in effect at the time of the rezoning.

Yes

or

No

or

N/A

Explain: Ellenboro said yes

3. The rezoning is substantially consistent with the Grant County farmland preservation plan policy.

5.1: Non-farm development will be directed to non-agricultural soils or less productive agricultural soils, consistent with the needs of the development. Yes No

5.2 Non-farm development will be directed to areas where it will cause minimum disruption of established farm operations or damage to environmentally sensitive areas. Yes No

5.3 Non-farm development will be encouraged to locate so as to leave a maximum amount of farmland in farmable size parcels. Yes No

5.4 Non-farm residential development will be directed to existing platted subdivisions and sanitary districts. Yes No N/A

5.5 Agriculturally-related development, while not discouraged in rural areas, will still comply with other policies set forth in this section, consistent with being located where it will be a maximum benefit to agriculture. Yes No N/A

- 6 The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of other protected farmland.

6.4 Located in a Farmland preservation zoning district

6.5 Covered by a Farmland Preservation Agreement

6.6 Covered by an agricultural conservation easement

6.7 Otherwise legally protected from nonagricultural development

Yes

or

No

Explain:

- 7 The CSZC recommends / does not recommend approval to the Grant County Board of Supervisors

(Circle one)

myron Dwyer Approved