

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

February 03, 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 February 03, 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, Dwight Nelson, Roger Guthrie, Pat Schroeder and Chuck Raisbeck. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Joe Schmelz, Jeff Krueger, Aaron Austin, Ken Placke, Dan Goltz (DNR) and Greg Cerven. Dale Hood, Absent.

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 Pat Schroder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Chuck Raisbeck to approve the January 9, 2015, CSZC Minutes with the correction in the paragraph: Motion to go in to closed session - strike the 0 Yes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None

Public Hearing Conditional Use Permit

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

CUP#15-01 Lack LLC C/O Ken Placke requested to sell the farm house off as a single family Nonfarm dwelling in the Farmland Preservation of 1.00 ac.

In Favor: Ken Placke, and Jamestown Township approved on January 6, 2015. Jamestown Township does not object to the request, they do request that the shared driveway be recorded.

In Opposition: None.

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Committee went through the worksheet to review the Standards for the Conditional Use Permit in FPP. (See Attachment A)

Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the condition that the shared driveway is recorded, seconded by Roger Guthrie. Motion carried.

High Ridge Estates Plat Review

Jeff Krueger handed out plat maps of High Ridge Estates. Jeff reported that it meets all requirements. It is in its second phase of the final plat, soil tests will be taken to make sure that these parcels will accommodate septic systems. The third phase will be taken to John Anderson for the statutory requirements part of the survey plots. This information will go on to the final plan. Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the preliminary review and to proceed on with the High Ridge Estates Plat Review Procedure, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve the Preliminary Plat Review. Motion carried.

Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program: Dan Goltz and Greg Cerven

Lynda passed out a sheet with all the names of landowners that participated in the Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program. A sheet was also handed out with the amount of money payable on the claim. Dan Goltz and Greg Cerven presented the results of the 2014 Wildlife Damage claims. Motion by Chuck Raisbeck, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve: Verlin Anderson, Clement Droessler Sr., Edward Jansen, Lynn Kirschbaum, Ray Kirschbaum, and Jeff Wernimont who did meet all the requirements. Motion carried. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve Dennis Haas and Bob Waterman contingent upon more documentation is obtained such as log books and/or registration stubs that are provided to support their claim. If more documentation is provided the claim will be approved by Dan Goltz. Motion carried. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to deny Steve Adrian's claim. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing

Lynda handed out an amended 2015 county cost share report. There is \$12,364.37 county cost sharing left to allocate instead of the \$29,163.87 as reported at the January committee meeting.

Review Cost Share Priorities

Lynda asked the committee to rank the practices in the High, the Medium, and the Low categories of the importance to them. Lynda tallied the ranking of each practice and will bring back the results of the ranking to the March meeting. Committee also reviewed and changed some of the cost share rates paid to the landowners on practices that they had installed on their farms. Cost Share rates that changed; Fencing (3 barb w/12 ft. posts) change to \$20/rod; Fencing (4 barb w/12 ft. posts) change to \$22.50/rod; Straw/hay for mulching change to \$3.50/bale; Large round bales (1200# or more) changed to \$45/bale; Large round bales (under 1200#) @ Pro-rate; Corn fodder stacks or large bales changed to \$25/bale; Bentonite chips for well decommissioning changed to \$12.50/bag; and Lime changed to \$12/ton.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that there will be a joint Grant/Lafayette County POWTS continuing education training for the plumbers and pumpers on February 18th in Lafayette County this year. Grant County hosted the training in 2014.

Lynda passed out a new format of the sanitation report.

Lynda reported that we have 8 registered for the WLWCA Conference which will be held on March 9, 10, & 11th in Appleton. The last day to back out of the reservation is February 27th. For the Silent Auction this year, everyone that is attending is asked to bring one item. We can put it in a basket, or it can stand alone.

Lynda reported that the Office Assistant II position has been advertised. Interviews are scheduled for February 26th.

Lynda reported that she and Annette are attending the Lean Training. Lean Training is looking at ways to streamline our services processes. Lynda may involve looking at our committee processes as well.

Lynda also reported that she will be on vacation February 9th – 13th.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that 6 of the 26 landowners that received a Notice of Noncompliance last month turned in a NMP to bring themselves back into compliance.

Kevin reported that he has mailed out the invites to the churches to offer them conservation literature/church litanies.

Kevin also sent out invitations to the 4th and 5th grade teachers for conservation activity books, and a free tree for the schools for Arbor Day and Earth Week. Arbor Day tree this year will be a Hard Maple.

Kevin reported that the tree orders are due on February 20th. There are about 40 orders in.

NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz

- ❖ Joe reported that there are a lot of program activities going on at this time. The ranking for the General EQIP sign up for the 2015 funds ended in mid-January. There are a couple of EQIP Programs still in progress.
- ❖ This year WI gets all the DALCI funds. The pollinator sign up ends next Friday as well. DALCI funds were geared more toward habitat restoration.
- ❖ There may be another special sign up for targeted watersheds. We have not received all the General EQIP funding yet. Not sure as to how much the final dollar amount will be allocated. The allocation is around \$880,000 for the 3 county area. Looking at Fiscal Year 16 sign up closing around September or October 2015.
- ❖ Looks like there will be a separate cover crop sign up again. Will be announced in the next couple of months. Hopefully will end sometime in June to give time for ranking and allocation to plant in the fall.
- ❖ CSP - Conservation Stewardship Program did announce a short sign up period. The closing for FY 15 sign up will be February 27th.
- ❖ The 43 Conservation Security Contracts with the old 10 year contracts, will be expiring on September 30, 2015. These people are not eligible to re-enroll because the Conservation Stewardship Program has changed.
- ❖ There are 8 Conservation Stewardship Program contracts that will be expiring and they will be eligible to be re-enrolled
- ❖ The CSP got hit pretty hard in the last budget process. The last budget cycle cut it back by 2.3 million acres. Program will get more competitive to get into.
- ❖ FSA has a new CED, her name is Tammy Eibey. They have hired a new program technician, and are fully staffed at this time.
- ❖ In November and December CRP sounded strong for a general sign up. Now it doesn't sound quite so strong anymore. Anyone with expiring CRP general contracts in Grant County can sign up through HELI. Continuous and CREP are still an ongoing sign up as well. The rental rates have more than doubled in the last few years. The mid management practices have gotten much easier. They no longer need to do the inter seeding, only required to burn or mow.
- ❖ The 2 most popular practices that landowners have signed up for EQIP are Grade Stabilization Structures and Rip Rap.
- ❖ There will be a contractors meeting in Grant County on March 2nd. Open discussion with staff and the contractors.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn until March 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen

Attachment A
Conditional Use Permit in Farmland Preservation

Date: 2/3/15 Landowner: Ken Placke

The Grant County Zoning and Sanitation Committee may issue a conditional use permit for a proposed land use as long as they determine in writing that the proposed use meets applicable conditions under this section. The CSZC may issue the permit subject to any additional conditions which the CSZC deems necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance.

1. Non-farm residences:

a. If the nonfarm residence will be located in a base farm tract:

- i. The ratio of nonfarm residential acreage to farm acreage in the base farm tract will not exceed 1:20

Ratio: 1:288

- ii. There will be no more than 4 dwelling units in nonfarm residences, nor more than 5 dwelling units in residences of any kind, in the base farm tract.

of dwellings? only residence on the farm

b. Neither the nonfarm residence, nor the parcel on which the nonfarm residence is located, will do any of the following:

- i. Convert prime farmland, or cropland other than a woodlot, from agricultural use if there is a reasonable alternative available to the permit applicant.

Yes or No

N/A

- ii. Significantly impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of any other protected farmland.

Yes or

No

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Pat Rogee

Recommend / Does not recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit

as long as shared driveway is recorded