

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

September 1, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Grant County Board Room (#264)

Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on September 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Stead, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman in the Grant County Board Room #264, 111 S. Jefferson St., Lancaster.

Board members present: Mark Stead, Lester Jantzen, Dwight Nelson, Roger Guthrie, Gary Northouse, Pat Schroeder, and Dale Hood. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Sue Rojemann, Donald Allen, Paul Zimmerman, Aaron Austin, Tom Spensley, Tom Weigel, Jacob Stoltzfus, Stan and Judy Henry, and Wendy Warren, RC&D.

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the August 4, 2015, CSZC Minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

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

Public Comment – None

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-24 Thomas & Rodney Brogley requesting to change the zoning classification from FPP to A-2 on 5.10 ac. for a non-farm residence. PIN: 020-00429-0000.

In Favor: Harrison Twp. approved on August 13, 2015. Is consistent with the comprehensive plan.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Pat Schroeder that the items are concurrent with all the conditions on the Farmland Preservation worksheet and to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Lester Jantzen.

Motion carried. (See Attachment A Worksheet)

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-26 Paul Zimmerman requesting to change the zoning classification from FPP to R-2 on 1.1 ac. to construct a new horse barn. PIN: 050-00223-0000.

In Favor: Paul Zimmerman and Platteville Twp. approved on August 10, 2015. This does conform with their smart growth plan.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Dale Hood that the items are concurrent with all the conditions on the Farmland Preservation worksheet and to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Roger Guthrie.

Motion carried. (See Attachment B Worksheet)

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-27 Jacob Stoltzfus, requesting to change the zoning classification from FPP to A-1 of 7.0 ac. to construct a pole shed with living quarters. PIN: 024-00718-0000.

In Favor: Jacob Stoltzfus and Hickory Grove Twp. approved on August 13, 2015.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Motion by Gary Northouse that the items are concurrent with all the conditions on the Farmland Preservation worksheet and to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Lester Jantzen.

Motion carried. (See Attachment C Worksheet)

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-28 Tyson & Christi Larson requesting to change the zoning classification from FPP to A-2 of 14.12 ac. to construct a new non-farm residence. PIN: 040-00506-0000 and 040-00512-0000.

In Favor: Mt. Ida Twp. approved on August 21, 2015.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Motion by Dwight Nelson that the items are concurrent with all the conditions on the Farmland Preservation worksheet and to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Roger Guthrie.

Motion carried. (See Attachment D Worksheet)

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-29 Thomas Weigel requesting to change the zoning classification from FPP to A-1 of 2.0 ac. to construct a non-farm residence. PIN: 050-00703-0000.

In Favor: Thomas Weigel and Platteville Twp. approved on August 10, 2015, this does conform with their smart growth plan, they voted of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Motion by Pat Schroeder that the items are concurrent with all the conditions on the Farmland Preservation worksheet and to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Dale Hood.

Motion carried. (See Attachment E Worksheet)

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-30 Donald Allen requesting to change the zoning classification from FPP to A-2 of 1.5 ac. to construct a non-farm residence. PIN: 012-00374-0010.

In Favor: Donald Allen and Clifton Twp. approved on August 12, 2015.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Motion by Roger Guthrie that the items are concurrent with all the conditions on the Farmland Preservation worksheet and to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried. (See Attachment F Worksheet)

#15-31 Chairman Stead stated that the Rutkowski Brothers Land LLC, rezone of parcel 014-00-583-0000, 014-00608-0000, & 014-00619-0000 has been postponed.

Preliminary Plat Approval

Chairman Stead opened the public hearing:

#FPA 15-02 Thomas Spensley requesting a Preliminary Plat Approval for 38.09 ac. PIN: 050-00891-0000.

In Favor: Thomas Spensley, Aaron Austin and Platteville Twp. approved on July 13, 2015.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the public hearing.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve the Preliminary Plot Plan.

Dale Hood – No. Motion carried.

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda presented the zoning and sanitation report. She noted that the maintenance forms are up 632 from 2014. August 31st is the deadline to have the 3 year maintenance forms turned into our office. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the Sanitation and Zoning report. Motion carried.

SW Badger RC&D Report – Wendy Warren, Executive Director

Wendy Warren is the new Executive Director for RC&D. She started her new position in June. Wendy thanked Dale Hood for being on their board. Wendy went through and gave a summary of their Badger Report that highlighted the many different programs that RC&D can assist with. They offer a Grazing Broker, an Invasive Species Specialist, and a Forester. New things coming in 2016: Beginning Farmer and Rancher Support, Veterans to Farmers Support, More Aquatic Invasives Work, Watershed Remediation, and Soils Health Education. Don Barrette and his intern sat at the booth during the Grant County Fair distributing Aquatic Invasive species information. There was a chart listing a summary of how many RC&D staff days were spent in each of the 9 Counties. Wendy mentioned that the RC&D is a non-profit organization and are completely grant funded, except for any dues that come in from the counties. Wendy had asked for support of our committee to pay the stipend/dues of \$2,500.00 this year. We have \$200.00 budgeted for RC&D dues in the 2016 budget.

County Cost Sharing

Lynda presented a final extension request to October 6, 2015 for county cost sharing of \$431.25 on a well decommissioning for Paul Hartman, Potosi Twp. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the final one month extension. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$327.58 on a well decommissioning for Reynolds Roost, Mike and Tammy Reynolds, Cassville Twp. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$500.00 for well decommissioning #1 for William Hauk, Waterloo Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$137.91 on well decommissioning #2 for William Hauk, Waterloo Twp. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$356.25 on well decommissioning #1 for Justin Seippel, East Beetown Twp. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$256.25 on well decommissioning #2 for Justin Seippel, East Beetown Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, 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 for 5 well decommissioning's for Tom Weigel, Platteville Twp., \$393.25; Mary Kieler, Jamestown Twp., \$500.00; Dwight Frear, North Potosi Twp., site #1, \$487.50; Dwight Frear, North Potosi Twp., site #2, \$325.00; and Dwight Frear, North Potosi Twp., site #3, \$325.00. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve all 5 well decommissioning requests. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a tentative approval request for county cost sharing for a storage abandonment for Dwight Frear, North Potosi Twp., \$1,875.00. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve Dwight's request. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing

There were no 2014 DATCP cost sharing to report.

Lynda presented a final approval request for 2015 DATCP Cost Sharing for a grassed waterway for Doug Leibfried, Harrison Twp. \$2,800.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Storage Permit Approvals

Lynda reported that Roger & Ryan Berning, Jamestown Twp., are constructing a concrete Dairy facility for 150 dairy cow operation. Storage facility was designed by MSA, Baraboo, Ralph Hemling, DATCP Engineer, reviewed and approved the plans. They have paid their \$200.00 construction permit fee. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the manure storage permit. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that Hampton Revolvable Trust, Glen Haven Twp., requests to abandon a concrete storage facility that is under a building. Hampton's have paid their \$50.00 closure fee. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the storage abandonment permit. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that Dwight Frear, North Potosi, Twp., requests to abandon a concrete storage facility that is under a building. Dwight has paid his \$50.00 closure fee. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the storage abandonment permit. Motion carried.

Preliminary Budget Approval

Lynda handed out the Final 2016 budget for the committee to review. Received word from DATCP that our reimbursement for staff and support has decreased by \$8,000. Lynda received some new health insurance numbers to revise in the budget. This is having a higher deductible for the county to pay, with keeping the employee deductible the same which is a cost savings to the county of about \$250,000. By going with the higher deductible it would allow a 1.5% wage increase for staff. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the 2016 Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Department budget with clarification that the ceasing of the retirement is not tied to the decrease in the health insurance rate. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that the Farmer Written Nutrient Management Program training will start on September 16th. There are 6 people signed up. Usually like to have 10 for the class. Lower participation may be because we are on the second round of FPP spotchecks.

Lynda reported that there will be a mandatory Lean Training for all Department Heads on September 15th. County Board members were also invited to attend this training as well.

Lynda asked those who attended the SAA Tour to report on their trip on August 6th in Richland. Sites that were visited were: Junction View Dairy – 2 stage manure storage unit with sand lanes, Ash Creek Dairy feed leachate system – a newly installed collection system, Tour of Oakwood Fruit Farm – Rebuilt processing center and sales area due to a fire and visited their pesticide containment system, and finally Frank's Hill Effigy Mounds. It was a very good tour. The next SAA meeting is scheduled for October 13th.

Lynda reported that the Grant County Fair display consisted of the CSZD, the NRCS, and RC&D. RC&D had a display of all kinds of fish collecting cards, bobbers, eye glass holders, and waterproof key holders. We offered children activity packets and coloring books. NRCS displayed conservation practice literature as well as the career opportunities in NRCS.

Lynda reported that she will be meeting with Farm Bureau on September 3rd and the 22nd. On September 3rd they have invited her to attend their policy planning meeting this year referencing some conservation items that are on their agenda. On September 22nd will be their Annual Meeting. Lynda was very honored to be invited and involved in their meetings.

Lynda reported that there are no variances scheduled for next month. John Brandemuehl's term expires in October.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that he has 1 Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance for FPP for Dan Cauffman, Mt Ida Twp. Dan has completed a DATCP approved NMP and has since become in compliance for FPP. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that he has 1 Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance for FPP for Gary Stanek, Castle Rock Twp. Gary has chosen to not turn in a DATCP approved NMP. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve the 1 Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that he completed a Certification of Compliance for Hulsether Century Farm LLC – Natalie Beach, co-owner. Also, Larry and Donna Haines got flagged for an audit to make sure that they are in compliance with FPP. Kevin also completed a Certification of Compliance for Larry and Donna.

Kevin reported he will be attending a Nutrient Management and Snap+ meeting in Richland Center on September 2nd.

Kevin will be attending a Southwest WI CRP summit in Barneveld on September 9th and 10th.

Kevin reported that he has been working on the current CRP signup.

Kevin reported that he has some contour strips to lay out on some expired CRP ground.

NRCS Report: Sue Rojemann

- ❖ Sue reported that the EQIP deadline is October 2nd. They have 29 applications. There are 41 names on the list that have expressed an interest in EQIP.
- ❖ There are 47 CRP contracts that are to be re-enrolled. There are 55 CRP Haying and Grazing requests that have been approved.
- ❖ There will be a new sign up for CRP HELI after October 1st. FSA said that they have around 75 people that are interested in the HELI sign up.
- ❖ In February there will be another CRP sign up called the “General Sign Up”. There is a bid cap on this sign up along with accumulating points and placing bids.

FSA Report: Tammy Eibey

Tammy turned in a paper report for Mark to present to the committee. FSA has been very busy with lots of deadline dates. Mark read the report to the committee.

See Attached Report.

RC&D/WLWCA/LWCB Report: Lynda Schweikert

- ❖ Dale Hood reported on the LWCB, that they would like better reporting on the targeted runoff.
- ❖ They approved 5 extension plans.
- ❖ WI Counties discussed the budget issues.
- ❖ The LWCB executive meeting is interested in hiring a new half time position.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn until October 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen

Attachment A Worksheet

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 9/1/15 Landowner: Thomas & Rodney Brogley

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: Not prime farm ground Currently pasture

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: Approved by Harrison town board

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)

Pat Lester

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 9/1/15 Landowner: Paul Zimmerman

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: Currently 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: Approved by Platteville Twp

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

Currently Residential

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

Currently Residential

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: Currently Residential

7 The CSZC recommends/does not recommend approval to the Grant County Board of Supervisors (Circle one)

Dale/Royer

Attachment C Worksheet

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 9-1-15 Landowner: Jacob Stoltzfus

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: Not prime farmground, currently wood lot

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: Approved by Hickory Grove Twp

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)

Gary Lester

Attachment D Worksheet

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 9-1-15 Landowner: Tyson & Christi Larson

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: Not prime farm ground

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: Approved by Mt Ida Townboard

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)

Dwight / Roger

Attachment E Worksheet

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 9-1-15 Landowner: Tom Weigel

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: Was old farmstead & vacant lot proposed use is 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: Approved by Platteville town board

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)

Pat Dale

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 9-1-15 Landowner: Donald Allen

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

Yes or No Explain: Currently fallow & 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: Approved by Clifton Townboard

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 Not

5.2: NOT Prime Farmland 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)

Roger Kuster

Grant County FSA Report
September 1, 2015
Submitted by: Tammy Eibey, CED

DEADLINES!

Important Dates to Remember

- September 2.....**Application Deadline for 2015 NAP "Value Loss" Crops.
- September 30.....**Deadline to enroll in the 2014-2015 ARC-PLC Programs.
- September 30.....**Deadline for Dairy Producers in Margin Protection Program to sign up for 2016 coverage.
- September 30.....**NAP Application Deadline for Perennial Forage, Fall and Spring Planted Grain, and Pasture Land Forage.
- November 15.....**Deadline to Report all 2016 Crop Year Perennial Forages and Fall Seeded Grains/Crops to FSA.
- November 20.....**Deadline to apply for CRP Grassland Grazing Initiative.
- November 20.....**NAP Application Deadline for Perennial Fruit & other Perennial crops.
- December 1.....**General sign up begins for CRP -- Signup ends Feb. 26, 2016.
- December 7.....**Official ballot for FSA committee elections (FSA-669) must be returned to County FSA Office or postmarked.
- Ongoing.....**Continuous Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment.

We can't seem to catch a break in workload recently in the FSA Office. That comes with good and bad issues at times. We have had some software and IT issues that are happening across the nation so Grant County is not alone. We ask producers to be patient as we are trying our best to help them get the paperwork completed timely.

Our County Committee Election will end December 7th and we will count ballots on December 9th in the office. Ballots will be mailed November 9th to voters in the townships of Ellenboro, Lima, Harrison, Platteville, Paris, Smelser, Jamestown and Hazel Green. Running for LAA 3 are Myron Tranel and Gabriel Loeffelholz.

Our next COC meeting is scheduled for September 16th at 8:30 am in the FSA office.

Please contact me at 608-723-7697 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Eibey