

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 3, 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 November 3, 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, Gary Northouse, Pat Schroeder, and Dale Hood. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Joe Schmelz, County Board Chairman, Bob Keeney, Tom Oyen, Gerard and Constance Kessler, and Greg Cerven.

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 Dale Hood, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve the October 6, 2015, CSZC Minutes with a correction that Pat Schroeder made the final approval motion for Josh Bailie's cost sharing. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Change

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-38 Gerard and Constance Kessler are requesting a Comprehensive Plan Change +-2 ac. for part of PIN: 020-00590-0000 (FP) to Residential R3 zoning and the remaining (+-13 ac.) to A1 Zoning to allow the use of a mobile home to be placed on the property.

In favor: Gerard and Constance Kessler, and Harrison Twp. approved on October 12, 2015.

In Opposition: None.

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, to recommend approval to the County Board, seconded by Gary Northouse.

Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-33 Thomas & Mary Jo Oyen requesting to change the zoning classification on part of PIN: 052-00642-0000 from FP to A2 of 3 ac. to construct a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Thomas Oyen, Potosi Twp. approved on September 14, 2015.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Lester Jantzen 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 Gary Northouse.

Motion carried. (See Attachment A Worksheet)

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-38 Gerard and Constance Kessler requesting to change the zoning classification on +-2 ac. of

PIN: 020-00590-0000 FP to R3 and the remaining +- 13 ac. to A1 Zoning to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Gerard and Constance Kessler, and Harrison Twp. approved on October 12, 2015.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Lester Jantzen 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 Dwight Nelson.

Motion carried. (See Attachment B Worksheet)

Final Plat Approval

Chairman Stead opened the public hearing:

#FPA 15-02 Thomas Spensley is requesting final plat approval for 38.09 ac. on PIN: 050-00891-0000.

This committee approved the preliminary plat approval on December 9, 2015.

In Favor: None

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve final Plat contingent upon state approval.

Motion was approved 4 to 3. Motion carried.

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda presented the zoning and sanitation report. She noted that the sanitary permits are down by 14 from 2014. The maintenance forms are up \$576.00 from 2014, and the rezones are also up 18 from 2014. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to accept the Sanitation and Zoning report. Motion carried.

Grant County 5-Year WDACP Plan of Administration & Service Contract – Greg Cerven

Lynda explained the Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program. Greg Cerven is the contracted employee for the WDACP. Farmers that have crop damage that would like to have animal abatement done on their farm work with Greg Cerven.

Greg reported that every 5 years the County and the WDNR have a contract to review and sign which outlines the relationships and duties of the County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). There were no changes from the original contract other than adding the cougar and the Sandhill crane if they come off the endangered species list. Motion by Pat Schroder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the County to administer the WDACP for 5 years. Motion carried.

Greg also presented his 5 year Service contract agreement between himself and Grant County. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 5 year service contract between Greg Cerven and Grant County. Motion carried.

Set Commodity Prices for WDACP – Greg Cerven

Greg Cerven provided current commodity prices for Corn, Soybeans, Alfalfa Hay, Mix Hay, and Arborvitae Trees.

In 2014, the price of Corn was \$3.38/bu. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 2015 current market price of \$3.38/bu. Motion carried.

Soybean price in 2014 was \$10.02/bu. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the 2015 current market price of \$8.35/bu. Motion carried.

Alfalfa Hay price for 2014 was \$150/ton. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the 2015 current market price of \$112/ton. Motion carried.

Mix Hay price for 2014 was \$100/ton. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the 2015 current market price of \$67/ton. Motion carried.

Arborvitae Nursery Tree prices for 2014 was \$58/tree. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 2015 current market price of \$22.00/tree. 3' to 4' trees – smaller trees from 2014. Motion carried.

There were no claims for the loss of any bee hive and/or colony boxes in 2015.

Set 80% Harvest Date for WDACP – Greg Cerven

Greg Cerven asked the committee to set a date as to when they thought that 80% of the crops would be harvested by. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve November 15, 2015 for the deadline date that 80% of the crops would be harvested. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing of \$736.00 on 46.93 acres of 2nd year rye cover crop for Tim Walz, Bloomington 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 \$139.50 on 10.5 acres of 1st year rye cover crop for Tom Bennett, Little Grant Twp. Motion by Dwight Nelson, 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 \$299.93 on 12.0 acres of 1st year rye cover crop for Dan Hershberger, Wingville Twp. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

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

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Shane Crowley, North Lancaster Twp., \$243.75. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Dale Hood to approve Shane's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a stream crossing for Myron Tranel, Platteville Twp., \$2,116.00. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve Myron's request. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing

2014 DATCP Cost Sharing – None to report

2015 DATCP Cost Sharing

Lynda presented a cancellation request by Myron Tranel, Platteville Twp., \$2,116.00 for 2015 DATCP cost sharing on a stream crossing project. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approved the cancellation request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a tentative approval request for 2015 DATCP cost sharing for 2 waste storage closure projects for Ryan Wepking, Glen Haven Twp., \$4,200.00 for each storage closure, for a total of \$8,400.00. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve Ryan's request. Motion carried.

Storage Permit Approvals

Lynda reported that Ryan Wepking, Glen Haven Twp., has 2 - 50'x150' under barn concrete hog storage facility with slats to abandon. Ryan has paid his \$50.00 permit fee for each building. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the permit. Motion carried.

NACD Dues

Lynda reported that this is the National Association of Conservation District Dues request. In the past we have paid the \$775.00. They do lobby at the Federal level regarding the Farm Bill. The NACD sponsors and supplies us with a 10% off of Stewardship materials (litanies and activity books), they provide the theme of the poster contest, and other educational materials that can also be found at the NACD online store. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dale Hood to pay the \$775.00 NACD dues. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda gave an update on the Helmuth Krause situation with the Zoning Department. Lynda, Corporate Council, Ben Wood, Mark Stead, and Bob Keeney have gone through the information on file. A letter was drafted on October 15, 2015 and sent to Helmuth Krause stating that the statute of limitations has passed on this issue, which would have been one year after issuance of the permit (9/24/2000), and all avenues to appeal have been exhausted; therefore this issue is closed with the Zoning Department. Since the letter was sent out, we have not heard any response.

Lynda reported that the DATCP allocation plan has been approved, however we have not received a contract yet. DATCP has approved \$97,040.00 for staff and support and \$67,500.00 for cost sharing for a total of \$164,540.00. This is \$8,000.00 less for staff and support than the 2015 allocation.

Lynda asked those who attended; Lester, Dwight, Erik, Kevin, and Annette, to report on the Fall Southern Area Meeting that was held on October 13, 2015 at the Fitchburg Public Library. There was discussion on the constant frustration with the Department of Revenue and the Farmland Preservation Certificates of Compliance so we can get some kind of accurate count of who is in FPP and who is not in FPP.

Lynda reported that there may be a Board of Adjustments set for December 3, 2015 for a setback variance; pending when they get their information in to our office.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that he has marked out a couple hundred acres of contour strips.

Kevin reported that himself, Erik Heagle, and Josh Bushee went to Lafayette County on October 21st to assist their staff in prejudging the 2015 SW WI Land Judging Contest pits. Those helping at the contest on October 22nd were: himself, Joe Schmelz, Erik and Annette. The results of the contest were: Individual award winners: 1st Place – Chandler Miesen, Platteville, 359; 2nd Place – Jada Hicks, Shullsburg, 359; 3rd Place – Maria Balbach, Cuba City, 346; 4th Place – Matt McVay, Cuba City, 341; and 5th Place, Darion Brooks, River Ridge, 337; Team award winners: 1st Place – Cuba City Team 1, 1021; 2nd Place – River Ridge Team 1, 1006;

3rd Place – Shullsburg Team 1, 988; 4th Place – Platteville Team 1, 948; and 5th Place – Monticello Team 5, 937.

Kevin reported that he has finished his FPP spot checks for 2015.

Kevin reported that while Jeff and David were at their convention he went out on 5 septic installs for them.

NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz

- ❖ Joe reported a correction from the September 7, 2015 minutes. The CRP sign up date was reported as February, however the General CRP sign up start date should be December 1, 2015.
- ❖ The EQIP deadline application date was October 2nd. Initial round of funding possibly in mid - December. Will probably only be funding the High priority applications. These are applications that are ready to be constructed the next day. There will be a second batching date and that is scheduled for February 4, 2016. The batching date is basically like an application deadline. Will be taking new applications and also those that would like to increase their priority from a medium ranking to a high ranking could do so at this time as well. In the new EQIP sign up there will be a Monarch initiative funding pool. There will also be a cover crop sign up in addition to the general EQIP sign up and that deadline will be sometime in June. Will be moving up the EQIP deadline from October 2nd to September 2nd.
- ❖ Working on CSP renewals, and all payments are due at this time. The old Conservation Security Program 10 year contracts will be expiring on September 30, 2015. The Conservation Stewardship Program is changing and will be setting up special meetings for landowners to attend.
- ❖ December 1st is the start date for the General CRP sign up. FSA has approximately 100 people that are new this year that are interested in HELI CRP Program plus those CRP contracts that will be expiring September 30, 2015.

FSA Report: Tammy Eibey

Tammy turned in a report for Mark to present to the committee. Mark read the report to the committee. See Attached Report.

RC&D/WLWCA/LWCB Report: Dale Hood

Dale reported that they had a DATCP meeting along with the Wisconsin Conservation Board had reviewed many Land and Water Plan extensions. It was interesting to see what priorities and the different projects there are in the other counties.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to adjourn until December 1, 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: 11/3/15 Landowner: Thomas & Mary Jo Oyer

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 farmland, that which is, is already built upon previously

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:

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: Not prime farmland

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

(Circle one)

Lester / Gray

(Attachment b)

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 11/3/15 Landowner: Gerald & Constance Kessler

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:

2. Townboard stated not in Prime farmland
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: Comp plan change approved by Harrison Townboard 10/12/15

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: Townboard stated not in a farmland location

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

Lester/Dwight

Grant County FSA Report
November 3, 2015
Submitted by: Tammy Eibey, CED

DEADLINES!

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.
MPP Dairy deadline extension ends

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 jumped right into the fall crop reporting for fall seeded crops and those with alfalfa, pasture and grasses (waterways). The deadline to report is November 16th.

We have over 100 Producers that have expressed interest in the HELI CRP program and those need to have processing on them to see what is eligible prior to the general sign up starting December 1st.

We processed payments starting with the Conservation Reserve Program and then moved into the ARC 2014 payment process. Corn, Soybeans and Wheat triggered a payment and we are working on getting those out to producers.

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 November 18th at 8:30 am in the FSA office.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Eibey