

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 5, 2016

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 5, 2016 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, Vern Eppler, and Vickie Eppler.

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 Lester Jantzen to approve the November 3, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve the December 1, 2015 Minutes with the changes. Mark reported that the John and Barbara Roethke should be rezone #15-43 instead of #15-42. Chairman Stead had closed the public hearings for rezones #15-41, #15-42, and #15-43 but he had not opened the Public Hearing for those rezones. The Tim Pitzen final DATCP cost sharing vote was a roll call vote instead of a voice vote. 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 Comprehensive Plan Change

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-39 Russell Koeller requesting a Comprehensive Plan Change for +-3 ac of 046-00356-0000 & 046-00359- 0000 (FPP) to Commercial C-1 Zoning to allow an existing commercial use - fireworks business.

In Favor: Paris Twp. approved on October 13, 2015.

In Opposition: Verne and Vickie Eppler live in the log home next to the business. They are opposed due to the possibility of devaluation of their property and the resale of their log home and the quality of their life.

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, to recommend approval to the County Board, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#15-39 Russell Koeller requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 046-00356-0000 and PIN: 046-00359-0000 from FPP to C1 of +-3 ac. to allow an existing commercial use – fireworks business.

In Favor: Paris Twp. approved on October 13, 2015.

In Opposition: Verne and Vickie Eppler live in the log home next to the business. They are opposed due to the possibility of devaluation of their property and the resale of their log home and the quality of their life.

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)

Public Hearing for Flood Plain Ordinance

Chairman Stead opened a public hearing for the Flood Plain Ordinance:

DNR revised the Flood Plain maps for Grant County. There were several informational meetings throughout the county, especially in the areas where there were several changes occurring. The only change to our existing ordinance is repealing the old flood plain maps and adding the new numbers to the updated flood plain maps. On the flood plain maps, if there is an “F” after the map number means there has been a change to it. If there is an “E” after the map number means things stayed the same.

In Favor: None

In Opposition: None

Comments of the Committee: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Dwight Nelson to recommend approval of the Updated Flood Plain Ordinance to the full County Board. Motion carried.

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda presented the year-end report for zoning and sanitation. A total in 2014 was \$123,489.00, and the total in 2015 was \$125,330.10, and increase of \$1,841.10. The maintenance forms returned in 2014 were 1,824, and in 2015 were 2,402, an increase of 578. The zoning permits in 2014 were 120, and in 2015 there were 116, a decrease of 4 permits. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to accept the sanitation and zoning report. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing

Lynda reported on the end of the year totals for 2015. The working balance is the balance subtracting the tentative approval amounts which leaves a balance of \$4,667.90 to be carried over to 2016. The account balance of \$18,914.90 is the balance from the completed practices that have been installed. With the \$20,000 cost sharing plus the 2015 carryover balance of \$18,914.90 Account Balance gives us a starting balance for 2016 of \$38,914.90 and adding the \$20,000 cost sharing to the Working Balance of \$4,667.90, gives us a starting balance in 2016 of the Working Balance of \$24,667.90. The 2014 DATCP account is completed. Turning back \$10,071.47 to the state. The 2015 DATCP cost sharing money that is being carried over is \$44,727.70.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a storage abandonment for Stan Hampton, Glen Haven Twp., for \$1,383.75. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a grade stabilization structure for Roger Guthrie, Patch Grove Twp., for \$669.00 and DATCP cost sharing of \$9,363.00 for a total of \$10,032.00 cost sharing. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve Roger's request. Motion carried. Roger Guthrie Abstained.

SWRM Cost Sharing

2014 DATCP Cost Sharing

Lynda presented final approval request for 2014 DATCP cost sharing on a stream crossing for Julie Mumm, Glen Haven Twp., for \$7,253.44. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve payment. Roll Call; 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Excused. Motion carried.

Final 2015 DATCP cost sharing is \$44,727.70. The 2016 DATCP cost sharing allocation is \$67,500.00.

WLWCA Dues Approval

Lynda reported that in January the WLWCA Dues are due. In 2015 the dues were \$1,426. In 2016 the dues increased to \$1,431. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the \$1,431 WLWCA dues. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda updated the committee that the Maple Glen Ridge Estates was approved by the State.

Lynda reported that since we have paid our WLWCA dues we may attend the conference, March 2-4 at Elkhart Lake. Conference packets have been sent out. Those who plan to attend are: Dale, Lester, Mark, Kevin, Erik, Annette, and herself. Those planning to attend are asked to contribute one item to our raffle basket.

Lynda reported that the SnapPlus computer class will be held at UW Platteville on January 6 & 7. We have 6 landowners from Grant County that will be taking the class and 3 from Lafayette County.

Lynda reported that there is a Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for January 14, 2016 for a variance setback request.

Lynda reported that she will be out of the office from January 18th – 22nd.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that he has a cancellation of a Notice of Noncompliance for FPP for Bernard Keller, Liberty Twp. Bernard has completed a DATCP approved NMP. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that he has 20 Notices of Noncompliance's. These 20 had been spotchecked in 2014 and do not have a DATCP approved NMP yet. Everyone is given a year to get into compliance. Those out of compliance are: Kevin & Jean Udelhofen, Potosi Twp., Gary & Teresa Stanek, Castle Rock Twp., Christopher & Susan Romine, Fennimore Twp., Dale & Judith Roesch, Potosi Twp., Oscar & Connie Peterson, Mount Ida Twp., Peter & Doris Neis, Paris Twp., Roland McEachron, North Lancaster Twp., Charles & Catherine Martin, Patch Grove Twp., David Margan, Platteville Twp., Thomas Lolwing, Wingville Twp., Louis & Pamela Leibfried, Potosi Twp., Benjamin & Emma Lapp, Fennimore and Wingville Twp., Edward & Dennis Kruser, Potosi Twp., Vernon & Carol Ann Kruse, Potosi Twp., Raymond & Mary Kirschbaum, Marion Twp., Karen Jansen, Paris Twp., Bruce & Mary Jo Droessler, Paris Twp., Craig & Geralyn Conley, Fennimore Twp., William & Lori Busch, Fennimore Twp., and Vernon Bartels, Potosi Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the 20 Notices of Noncompliance's. Motion carried.

Kevin has been working on the CREP work: some field visits, and some contracts. Also answering lots of questions on CRP.

Kevin has a dozen or so tree orders back.

NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz

- ❖ The first round of EQIP funding should be coming out soon. As a state we had \$9 million worth of applications in the high priority category. The high priority are practices that are ready for construction. \$6 million of that will come from the local work group allocations. March 4th will be the second batching date for EQIP applications which will use up the rest of the EQIP funding.
- ❖ The word was that the CSP was going to be changing dramatically. It will not be changing in Fiscal Year 2016. The CSP rules will be the same as they have been for the last 3-4 years. No application period has been announced yet. Once the CSP information is released, NRCS will take a day to host a couple of sessions to go over program rules and how it works.
- ❖ Working on CRP applications from FSA as they come over. At this time NRCS has had 40 CRP applications from FSA, 33 HELI applications, and 7 CREP applications. Approximately 80% of those applications are complete and back to the FSA office. FSA has approximately 185 people interested in the CRP program, plus those 86 CRP contracts that are expiring on September 30, 2016. HELI is not a competitive process, however the state caps how many acres that can be in the HELI program.
- ❖ Trying to catch up on the AD1026's, which are the HEL determinations. The amount that rolled over from last year plus the new AD1026's this year, there are 72 on the tracking log, 2 or 3 of them are wetland determinations. They have 35 HEL determinations completed in the last couple of weeks. Grant County averages about 150 to 160 HEL determinations a year, other counties only average around 40.

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 the LWCB talked of reviewing the county Land and Water Resource Management Plans on a year to year basis to make sure the counties are doing what they say they are going to do instead of reviewing them on the 5 to 10 year schedule as we are doing now.

Dale reported that RC&D has a lot of supplies left; tree tubes, and tree mats,

Poster Judging: Annette Lolwing

Annette reported that there were 4 schools that participated this year, they are: S.S. Andrew-Thomas, Potosi (25 posters), St. Joseph School, Hazel Green (19 posters), St. Mary School, Bloomington (7 posters), Lancaster Elementary School (34 posters), Lancaster Middle School (39 posters), Lancaster High School (2 posters), Fennimore Individuals (3 posters) for a total of 129 posters. Results of the poster judging are: Grade: K-1 were 1st Place: Journee Capps, S.S. Andrew-Thomas School, Potosi; 2nd Place: Avery Decker, S.S. Andrew-Thomas School, Potosi; Grades 2-3: 1st Place: Luke Patterson, St. Mary School, Bloomington; 2nd Place: Lauren Koeller, St. Joseph School, Hazel Green; 3rd Place: Carter Copsey, St. Mary School, Bloomington; Grades 4-6: 1st Place: Allison Moore, Lancaster Winskill Elementary School, 2nd Place: Anna Murphy, Lancaster Middle School, 3rd Place: Kendra Vesperman, Lancaster Winskill Elementary School; Grades 7-9: 1st Place: Brianne Boughton, Lancaster High School, and 2nd Place: Kailyn Wiest, Lancaster High School.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to adjourn until February 2, 2016 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: 1/5/16 Landowner: Russel Koeller

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: Previously used for Commercial use

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 Paris Township

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)

Grant County FSA Report
January 5, 2016
Submitted by: Tammy Eibey, CED

DEADLINES!

- Dec. 1.....General CRP signup #49 began - ends Feb. 26, 2016
- Dec. 7.....Signup for 2016 ARC-PLC began – ends Aug. 1, 2016
- Jan. 1.....Offices closed in observance of New Year Holiday
- Jan. 14....Deadline to apply for NAP buy-up loss coverage on perennial and value loss crops
- Jan. 18...FSA offices closed due to observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Jan. 30....Deadline to apply for livestock loss assistance under Livestock Indemnity Program
- Feb. 2.....Deadline to timely file 2015 acreage report for maple sap
- Feb. 15...Offices closed in observance of Washington's Birthday
- Mar. 15....Deadline to apply for 2015 NAP coverage on spring planted crops

Ongoing:

- Continuous Conservation Reserve program enrollment,
- Farm Storage Facility Loan program applications,
- Advance notification and approval of any planned ditching, tiling, or land clearing,
- Farm Loan applications,
- Informing local office of any changes to farm ownership or operation, email address, bank account, phone number, etc.

County Committee Election Results

The Grant County FSA office would like to thank the producers that participated in the 2015 County Committee (COC) Election and welcome Gabriel (Gabe) Loeffelholz as the elected member to the Committee. Ballots for the 2015 Grant County election were counted on December 14, 2015 at the Grant County FSA office in Lancaster.

This year's election was held for the townships of: Ellenboro, Lima, Harrison, Platteville, Paris, Smelser, Jamestown and Hazel Green, which comprise local administrative area 3.

Gabe will serve a 3-year term representing producers in LAA-3. His start date will be January 1, 2016 and he will be joining Charles Raisbeck of Bloomington (LAA-1) and Gary Northouse of Fennimore (LAA-2) on the Farm Service Agency County Committee (COC). The first organizational meeting will be held January 20th at 8:30 a.m. at the Grant County FSA Office.

The FSA Office would like to thank Myron Tranel for his many years of service on the Grant County Committee and representing the producers in LAA 3.

County FSA Committees are a valuable resource to the farmers and agricultural landowners in our counties. With their input, they help make decisions that affect the amount and type of benefits that producers may receive from FSA programs. Their dedication and commitment to local agriculture is greatly appreciated!

Grant County FSA Committee Seeks Advisor Nominations

The Grant County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices are currently searching for minority producers interested in serving as an advisor to the FSA County Committee. It is recommended that interested groups or individuals submit advisor nominations by January 8, 2016. Nominations received after this date may still be considered.

Persons selected to serve as an advisor are instrumental in increasing awareness and participation in FSA activities, including elections. Advisors will help insure that problems and viewpoints of underserved groups and individuals are understood and considered in local FSA actions.

Other duties of the County Committee advisors include:

- Attending each committee meeting, including executive sessions.
- Participating in all deliberations, although advisors do not have voting rights.
- Helping to develop interest and incentives in minority group members for considering FSA work as a career.
- Actively soliciting candidates from underserved groups for nomination during the committee election process.
- Performing special duties at the County Committee's request.

Appointments are for a 12-month period, effective March 1, 2016.

County Committee members and advisors make decisions that are important to farmers and agricultural landowners. As a representative of the U.S. government entrusted with this responsibility, each committee member and advisor must make sure all producers are treated fairly.

If interested in serving as an advisor to the Grant County FSA Committee, please contact Tammy Eibey at the Grant County FSA office at 608-723-7697, ext. 2. Nominations can be sent to the FSA office at 150 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster, WI 53813 or by e-mail to tammy.eibey@wi.usda.gov

We have a high interest in the CRP/HELI and the General CRP program here in Grant County. We are trying to get the cropping history information completed and working with the producers to determine what they actually want to enroll and which program will work best for their operation. Some are wanting us to run several scenarios for them with different fields and acres to see what the rental rates may be, this is slowing the process. Some producers are slow to get back in touch with us but the staff is continuing to make progress. I feel they are working well with the conservation staff.

Our next COC meeting is scheduled for January 20 at 8:30 am in the FSA office. We will be completing our organizational meeting for the 2016 year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Eibey