

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 1, 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 March 1, 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, Gary Northouse, Dale Hood and Pat Schroeder. Roger Guthrie was excused. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Joe Schmelz, John Gantenbein, Cheryl Schuckert, Gary Ranum, Bob Keeney, Helmuth Krause, and Corporation Council: Ben Wood.

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 Dwight Nelson to approve the Agenda with the changes that Don Barrette cancelled his presentation because of the weather, and moved Helmuth Krause down the Agenda so that Ben Wood, Corp Council, can be present for that discussion. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the February 2, 2016 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:

#16-05 Marlin Carl is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 028-00437-0000 from FPP to A2 of 6.0 ac. to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Liberty Twp. approved on January 14, 2016, contingent upon them receiving permission from Highway Department for a driveway.

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 Pat Schroeder.

Motion carried. (See Attachment A Worksheet)

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#16-06 Kevin Hahn is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 024-00538-0000 from FPP to A2 of 5.0 ac. for a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Hickory Grove Twp. approved on February 11, 2016.

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 B Worksheet)

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#16-07 Cheryl Schuckert is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 046-00561-0000 from FPP to A2 of 2.704 ac. for a non-farm residence.

In Favor: John Gantenbein, Cheryl Schuckert and Paris Twp. approved on January 12, 2016.

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 C Worksheet)

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda presented the Zoning and Sanitation report. There was 3 maintenance forms and late fees returned during the month of January - March 2015, compared to 48 that were turned in so far in January - March 2016. Several landowners were issued citations and have since decided to complete the 3 year maintenance form and pay the \$25.00 maintenance and late fee rather than to pay the citation fine. There were 5 zoning permits in 2015, and 8 in 2016. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to accept the sanitation and zoning report. Motion carried.

RC&D Dues Approval

Lynda reported that SW Badger RC&D is requesting \$2,500.00 in dues. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to pay the \$200.00 to RC&D that is approved in our budget. Motion carried.

RC&D Invasive Species Report: Don Barrette

No Report

Floodplain Ordinance Update

Lynda reported that confusion with the floodplain map approval has been sorted out. There had been an issue with map numbers listed in the ordinance. That has been corrected and the Grant County Floodplain ordinance has been approved by FEMA and DNR.

Helmuth Krause – Joe Vosberg Easement Issue

Lynda reported on a letter received and addressed to the Sanitation and Zoning Committee, dated February 1, 2016, by Helmuth Krause and Theodore J. Krause requesting the Committee to enforce the zoning ordinance in regards to his easement. Mark Stead read the letter in full to the committee. Helmuth was in attendance and explained his situation. Ben Wood, Corporation Council, explained the situation that he had 1 year after 1999 to request any appeal process, no request was made so it was null and void after 2000. The judge ruled it as a legal easement. Ben Wood explained that the County does not rule over a judges' ruling. There was no action taken on this agenda item.

County Cost Sharing

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Thomas Weigel, Platteville Twp., for \$375.02. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Shane Crowley, North Lancaster Twp., for \$410.36. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Kris and Greg Wubben, Fennimore Twp., for \$500.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing

2016 DATCP Cost Sharing – None to Report

2015 DATCP Cost Sharing – None to Report

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported on the Misty Morning Dairy manure spill. They were pumping from 1 storage facility to another storage facility when a coupler let loose and let the manure flow into the Fennimore Branch. Our office was on site for technical assistance. Misty Morning Dairy is a WPDES (Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit) farm with over 1,000 animal units and is permitted by the WI DNR.

Lynda reported that the Zoning Ordinance is complete and Jeff is sending it to DATCP to get their suggestions to the ordinance and then will start bringing it forth to the Committee for tentative approval.

Lynda reported that the WLWCA Spring Conference will be held on March 2-4 at Elkhart Lake. Everyone is registered and rooms are reserved for those who are planning to attend. Dale Hood will be going up on Tuesday night. Those planning to attend are asked to contribute one item to our raffle basket.

Lynda reported that Iowa County will be hosting the Southern Area Association Tour on Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Lynda reported that the SnapPlus update class will be held at UW Platteville on March 7th and 14th. There are 32 landowners that have responded that they are interested in attending one of the classes.

Lynda reported that there is no Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for April.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that on February 6, 2016 he attended the Statewide County Deer Advisory Council Annual Meeting in Stevens Point. There will be a Grant County Deer Advisory Council meeting on March 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lancaster High School Hillary Auditorium.

Kevin reported that he has been filling out approximately 450 Certificates of Compliance that the tax preparers are asking the landowners to bring in with them for proof that they are in compliance with the Farmland Preservation Program. Has had numerous calls to make changes and corrections.

Kevin reported that he has been working on the CREP work: had some field visits, GPS'd some fields, and wrote some contracts.

Kevin reported that he continues to answer CRP questions.

Kevin reported that in 2015 the tree sales included 132 orders, selling 12,310 trees. In 2016, the tree sales continued 144 orders, selling 12,155 trees. The amount of orders placed and the amount of trees ordered runs fairly consistent from year to year.

Kevin reported that he is writing his articles for the Annual Report.

NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz

- ❖ Joe reported that the 2nd batching date for FY 16 EQIP is March 4, 2016.
- ❖ Application deadline date for FY 2017 EQIP Funds is September 2, 2016
- ❖ Joe reported that they had 2 CSP informational meetings scheduled for February 23rd, meetings scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Have approximately 30 CSP applications on file. Deadline to turn in a CSP application is March 31, 2016.
- ❖ The compliance list from FSA will be coming over soon, will need to make field visits for those landowners on that compliance list.
- ❖ Joe reported that they now have completed approximately 90 HEL determinations, and still have 2 wetland determinations to do yet.
- ❖ Have completed approximately 65 new CREP and HELI CRP contracts and finishing up with the General CRP sign up.

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 reviewed and approved Land and Water Resource Management Plans for Shawano County and Columbia County.

Lynda reported that we have 2 posters going on to the WLWCA Conference for the State judging.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn until April 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 3/1/16 Landowner: Marlin Carl

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 Liberty township 1/14/16

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 prime farm ground
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)

Wester/Park

(Attachment B Worksheet)

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 3/1/14

Landowner: Kevin Hahn

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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: 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 Town Board & Hickory Grove 2/11/14

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 prime farm ground

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

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6.7 Otherwise legally protected from nonagricultural development

Yes

or

No

Explain:

Gay/Lester

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

(Attachment C Worksheet)

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 3/1/16

Landowner: Cheryl Schuckert

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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: Land is pasture & woodlot

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 1/12/2014

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

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☒ 6.7 Otherwise legally protected from nonagricultural development

Yes

or

No

Explain:

Pat Dale

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



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County Committee Meeting Notice

The Grant County Committee (COC) is comprised of 3 members representing each Local Administrative Area (LAA).

The members and advisors of the County Committee are as follows:

Charles Raisbeck, Chairperson, LAA 1
Gary Northouse, Vice Chairperson, LAA 2
Gabriel Loeffelholz, Member, LAA 3
Elizabeth (Beth) Schauff, Advisor

The County Committee meets Monthly, at 8:30 am. in this office.

Meeting dates for 2016 are as follows:

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

December TBD

County Committee dates are tentative and subject to change due to availability of members and changing weather and crop conditions. If you are interested in attending the Regular Session County Committee meeting, please contact the office at 608-723-7697 to confirm the date and time of the meeting.

*Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting/event/function should contact **Tammy Eibey** at 608-723-7697 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.*

Our workload in CRP has been non stop as you know. We are also signing up for the 2016 ARC/PLC program. State wide it is 25% done but we are 41%! We are still doing grain loans and farm record changes like crazy! Several odd things are so occupying our time. It doesn't help when our major software programs that we use aren't functioning for us to use.

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Wisconsin Farm Service Agency

2016 Program Year

Common FSA Deadlines

***This list is not inclusive, it serves as a basic summary of common deadlines. Dates are subject to change. Please contact your local FSA office for additional information.**

JULY 1, 2015- SEPTEMBER 30, 2015: Sign-up period for 2016 Dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP)

SEPTEMBER 30, 2015: (NAP) application deadline for 2016 crops including alfalfa, birdsfoot trefoil, Christmas trees, clover, grasses, mixed forages, rhubarb, rye, triticale, vetch, and wheat

NOVEMBER 15, 2015: Acreage reporting deadline for 2016 crops including fall-seeded crops, perennial forage, fall mint, pasture, rangeland, forage, and cover crops

NOVEMBER 20, 2015: (NAP) application deadline for 2016 crops including apples, asparagus, blueberries, caneberries, cherries, cranberries, currants, grapes, honey, hops, maple sap, pears, and strawberries

JANUARY 15, 2016: Acreage reporting deadline for 2016 crops including apples, caneberries, cherries, cranberries, currants, hops, huckleberries, pears, and strawberries

FEBRUARY 26, 2016: Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup #49 deadline

MARCH 15, 2016: NAP application deadline to purchase loss coverage for 2016 spring-seeded crops

MARCH 31, 2016: Last day to obtain Marketing Assistance Loan on 2015 small grain crops

MAY 1, 2016: NAP application deadline to purchase loss coverage for 2016 Nursery crops

MAY 31, 2016: Last day to obtain Marketing Assistance Loan on 2015 coarse grain crops

JUNE 15- AUGUST 1, 2016: County Committee Election nomination period for Local Administrative Area up for election. Individuals can nominate themselves or others.

JULY 15, 2016: Acreage reporting deadline for spring-seeded crops; including soybeans, dark red kidney beans, light red kidney beans, forage seeding, and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres

AUGUST 1, 2016: Agriculture Revenue Coverage Price Loss Coverage (ARCPLC) enrollment deadline for 2016 contracts

ONGOING

- Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup
- Notify your county office of any losses for the NAP program within 15 days of the notice of loss
- Notify your county office of any losses under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) or Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) within 30 days of notice of loss
- Notify your county office of any losses under the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) within 90 days of notice of loss
- Submit application for Farm Storage Facility Loan before delivery of materials and/or construction begins.
- Applications taken for all Farm Loans including direct ownership, direct operating, and microloans
- Acreage reporting deadlines for various specialty crops occur throughout the year. If you are enrolled in the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP), please check with your local FSA office for acreage reporting deadlines.

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