

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 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 April 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, Gary Northouse, Roger Guthrie, and Pat Schroeder. Dale Hood was excused. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Josh Bushee, Bob Keeney, Lilian VanNatta, Tom Majerus, Tammy Schaefer, Terry Millin, Sandra Wilkinson, Judith and Maynard Behnke.

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 written. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the March 1, 2016 Minutes. 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:

#16-08 Terry Millin and Tammy Schaefer are requesting a Comprehensive Plan Change for .3 ac. of PIN: 052-01200-0000 FP to R2 Zoning to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Terry Millin, Tammy Schaefer and Potosi Twp. approved on March 7, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Lester Jantzen, to recommend approval to the County Board, seconded by Roger Guthrie. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#16-08 Terry Millin and Tammy Schaefer are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 0052-01200-0000 from FP to R2 of .3 ac. to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Terry Millin, Tammy Schaefer, Sandra Wilkinson and Potosi Twp. approved on March 7, 2016.

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 A Worksheet)

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing:

#16-09 Lillian C. VanNatta is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 028-00647-0010 from FP to A2 of 5.0 ac. a land division for a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Lillian C. VanNatta and Liberty Twp. approved on March 7, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: Maynard and Judith Behncke

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 Dwight Nelson. Motion carried. (See Attachment B Worksheet)

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda presented the Zoning and Sanitation report. During the months of January 1, 2015 – April 1, 2015, compared to January 1, 2016 – April 1, 2016. We are \$4,000.00 ahead of 2015. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the sanitation and zoning report. Motion carried.

2016 CREP Amendment

Lynda reported that she received a letter from DATCP that they will be revising the state's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) spending authority for the counties. They will be increasing the incentive payment from 1.5 to 1.9 times the rental rate for a one time up-front incentive payment. DATCP is increasing our spending authority by \$130,000.

Storage Abandonment Permit Approval

Lynda reported that Pat Bausch, Cassville Twp., has 3 hog storage facilities that are under the building that he would like to abandon. He has already paid his permit fee of \$50.00 per facility. He has received an abandonment construction plan from our office. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the abandonment permits for Pat. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing

Lynda presented an extension request for county cost sharing on a Stream Crossing for Myron Tranel, Platteville Twp., for \$3,175.00. Plans to install the crossing in the fall of 2016. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve the extension to November 2016. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval and final approval request for county cost sharing on an emergency well decommissioning for Eldon Bartels, Hickory Grove Twp., for \$500.00. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve his tentative approval request for cost sharing and the final approval request for payment of \$500.00. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on 2 well decommissioning's for John and Jena Barr, East Beetown Twp., \$336.00 for well #1 and \$416.00 for well #2. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve both wells for John and Jena's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Scott Crapp, South Lancaster Twp., \$340.00. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve Scott's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on 3 manure storage abandonments for Pat Bausch, Cassville Twp.; abandonment #1, \$2,250.00, abandonment #2, \$2,250.00, and abandonment #3, \$2,250.00. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve Pat's request. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing

2015 DATCP Cost Sharing – None to Report

2016 DATCP Cost Sharing

Lynda presented tentative approval request for 2016 DATCP cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Doug Steinback, Harrison Twp., \$8,400.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dwight Nelson to approve Doug's request. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that Helmuth Krause has retained Eileen Brownlee as his attorney. From now on, any correspondences between the Helmuth Krause situation will be referred to Ben Wood, Corporate Council.

Lynda reported on the Misty Morning Dairy manure spill. Lynda met with DNR last month on the farm and completed a whole farm walkover. Went over and addressed every issue that is in their permit. We have received no information from the DNR at this time on any violations that were issued. Lynda will keep us updated.

Lynda handed out a report of what we donated to the WLWCA auction and how much money was brought in from those items to put toward the Educational programs.

Lynda reported that the SAA Summer Tour will be held on June 22nd in Iowa County. No agenda has been set. The SAA Spring Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Fitchburg.

Lynda reported that the SnapPlus Updates are done. There were 2 sessions held at the UW-Platteville. The class was well attended: 36 landowners; 9 in the morning class and 9 in the afternoon class each day. Chris Baxter and his Nutrient Management Plan students also helped out with the class.

Lynda reported that there will be a Board of Adjustment meeting planned for May. Kraemer's came in the CSZD for a zoning permit, unable to issue a permit, the house is in the town road right of way. Kraemer appealed for rejection of permit in town road setback. Ben Wood will be present at this BOA meeting.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that he has a Notice of Noncompliance for Barbara Stofflet, Hickory Grove Twp. Barbara no longer wants to participate in FPP. Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the Notice of Noncompliance. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that he also has a cancellation of a Notice of Noncompliance for FPP for Bruce Adrian, Potosi Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance.

Kevin reported that the tree sale will be going on next week. He and Annette will be traveling to Plainfield, WI to pick up about ± half the trees, the other ± half the trees are coming from Lake Heron, Minnesota to be delivered at the livestock pavilion barn.

Kevin reported that in the next week he will be delivering the arbor-day trees to 17 schools, activity booklets to 11 schools that had requested them, as well as delivering the church litanies. In the past we have ordered our copies right from the NACD's web-site this year we received notice that they went paperless. We

received some bids to have the activity booklets and church litanies printed and Grantland Graphics won the bid. The cost of these items came to \$200.00 over budget.

Kevin reported that he has been working on CREP contracts and will probably be working on the CREP contracts the rest of the summer. There will be 60 – 70 CREP contracts expiring in September, landowners will probably come in to see about re-enrolling the land for an additional 15 years.

Kevin reported that Lynda had sent out the FPP spot check list to the staff for crop season 2016. This way they can get started checking their Farmland Preservation spot checks with the landowners once the crops get planted and are growing.

Kevin reported that he has been laying out a fair number of acres of Contour Strips and Buffer Strips.

NRCS Report: Josh Bushee

- ❖ Josh reported that the deadline for the 2nd batching date for FY16 EQIP was March 4, 2016. Received funds for this batching period last week. Only have 4 or 5 funded applications in Grant County. No Forestry applications projects were funded, only one farmstead application was funded, one cropland application, and a couple of pasture applications were funded.
- ❖ Application deadline date for CSP is May 31, 2016. Have 37 applications on file at this time.
- ❖ We are just short of 5,000 acres in CRP at this time. The general CRP ranking results have not been released as of yet.

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

No Report.

Annette asked for volunteers from the committee to have pictures taken with the poster winners.

2 students at S.S. Andrew Thomas School, Potosi – Lester Jantzen

2 students at St. Mary, Bloomington – Roger Guthrie

1 student at St. Joseph School, Hazel Green – Mark Stead

2 students at Winskill Elementary, Lancaster – Pat Schroeder

3 students at Lancaster Middle School – Pat Schroeder

2 students at Lancaster High School – Pat Schroeder

1 student at Fennimore Middle School - ?

Took a 5 Minute Recess before going into closed session.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dwight Nelson to go into closed session at 10:02 a.m. Roll Call vote was taken to go into closed session. 6 Yes, Dale Hood: Excused. Motion carried.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to come out of Closed session at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Results of the performance evaluation for Lynda Schweikert, was a Satisfactory Evaluation.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn until May 3, 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: 4/5/14

Landowner: Terry Millin & Tammy Schaefer

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: Adjacent to subdivision
majority Non Farm soils

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 Potosi township 3/7/14

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

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)

Lester/Roge

(Attachment B Worksheet)

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 4/5/16 Landowner: Lillian VanNatta

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

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 ~~Pat~~ Liberty township 3/7/16

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

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

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Explain:

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Pat Dwight

Grant County FSA Report
April 1, 2016
Submitted by: Tammy Eibey, CED

Dates to Remember

ARC/PLC (2016)

December 1, 2015- August 1, 2016

Spring Acreage Reports (2016)

By July 15, 2016

We have a high interest in the CRP/HELI 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. We have no idea when we will receive notice from the national office as to what is accepted for the general signup. Maybe sometime this month! We also have a high number of contracts that are expiring in September that need to be worked on to see if they want to reenroll or let expire.

We are also working on our appointments for the ARC/PLC program. Annually producers need to sign the CCC-861 contract for each farm. Deadline is August 1st but we want to be 90% done by the time we get busy with crop certifications this spring. Postcards with appointment times are getting printed and sent out. There are no late filing provisions for this program. As I write this, We have gotten to 85% complete!

We ask that producers remain patient during these high work load times in the office. We have had to also deal with computer/software issues that slow our process down.

Our next COC meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 8:30 am in the FSA office.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Eibey