

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 2, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Grant County Board Room (#264)

Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on August 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. by Dwight Nelson, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman, in the Grant County Board Room #264, 111 S. Jefferson St., Lancaster.

Board members present: Dwight Nelson, Mark Stead, Lester Jantzen, Roger Guthrie, Grant Loy, and Gary Northouse, Dale Hood Excused. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Brad Digman, Sue Rojemann, Bob Keeney, Tom Patzner, Steve Lucas, Laura Caspari, Larry and Betty Kalina, Larry Butson, Robert and Sharon Wood, Steve Hanson, and John Rutkowski.

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 Lester Jantzen, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the July 5, 2016 Minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Grant Loy asked about the large dairy facilities pumping so much water, wondering if they have any pumping restrictions. Lynda stated that she was unaware of any pumping restrictions in Grant County.

Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Change

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-21 Robert and Sharon Wood are requesting a Comprehensive Plan Change for 11.25 ac. of PIN: 038-00271-0010 from FP to M1 Zoning to allow a Solar Farm associated with Scenic Rivers Energy Co-op.

In Favor: Laura Caspari, Robert and Sharon Wood, Larry Butson, and Mount Hope Twp. approved on July 14, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing:

Motion by Mark Stead, to recommend approval to the County Board, seconded by Roger Guthrie. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-21 Robert and Sharon Wood are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 038-00271-0010 of 11.25 ac. from FP to M1 to allow a Solar Farm associated with Scenic Rivers Energy Co-op.

In Favor: Laura Caspari, Robert and Sharon Wood, Larry Butson, and Mount Hope Twp. approved on July 14, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing:

Motion by Mark Stead, to recommend approval to the County Board, seconded by Roger Guthrie. Motion carried. (See Attachment F Worksheet)

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-22 Mike and Nancy Porter are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: Portion of 016-00345-0000 and 016-00344-0000 from FP to A2 of 3.7 ac. to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Fennimore Twp. approved on July 11, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dwight Nelson 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 Roger Guthrie. Motion carried. (See Attachment A Worksheet)

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-23 Mickey and Janet Pinkham are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 028-00667-0000, & 028-00673-0000 from FP to A2 of 11.4 ac. to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Liberty Twp. approved on July 12, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Mark Stead 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 B Worksheet)

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-24 Thomas Patzner is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 052-00910-0000 from FP to R1 of 1.29 ac. to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Thomas Patzner and Potosi Twp. approved on July 11, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Grant Loy 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 Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-25 Thomas Patzner is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 052-00935-0000 from FP to A2 of 1.20 ac. to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Thomas Patzner and Potosi Twp. approved on July 11, 2016.

In Opposition: Larry and Betty Kalina expressed concerns of water control issues, as the proposed lot is sloping toward their home. Had a map to show the elevation changes from proposed lot to their home. In

fear that water would be a problem to their home. They also expressed the concern of their privacy and access to cropland on Patzner Lane.

In Interest: None

Applicants Rebuttal: Tom stated that there is no culvert and he seems to think there is not a water issue present.

Dwight Nelson 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 Gary Northouse.

Motion carried with one negative vote. (See Attachment D Worksheet)

#16-26 Thomas Patzner is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 052-00930-0000, 052-00927-0000, and a portion of 052-00929-0000 from FP to A2 of 5.55 ac. to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Thomas Patzner and Potosi Twp. approved on July 11, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dwight Nelson 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 E Worksheet)

Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#CUP 16-007 Daniel and Joanne Gratz is requesting a Conditional Use Permit on 040-00576-0000 of 5.7 ac. to allow the use of a communication tower in Farmland Preservation Zoning District, Chapter 315, 3.045, D (5) (a) 2 of Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Steve Hanson, NEIT, and Mt. Ida Twp. approved on July 20, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing:

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the Conditional Use Permit. Motion carried.

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#CUP 16-008 Rutkowski Brothers are requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN: 014-00583-0000, 014-00608-0000, and 014-00619-0000 of 65.78 ac. to allow the use of open pit mining, and concrete mixing and batching plant in M2 Zoning District, Chapter 315, 3.12, (2) (a) & (b) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: John Rutkowski and Ellenboro Twp. approved on July 6, 2016 with the following conditions.

1. Maintain soil erosion control, sediment will remain on own land.
2. Gravel for easement. Town will be responsible for grading.
3. Expense for dust control will be split 1/6 responsibility of town and 5/6 responsibility of Allied Stone, this agreement took place at the monthly meeting of the town of Ellenboro, July 6, 2016.

John and Jeff Rutkowski were present along with Chairman: Jim Broihahn, Supervisors: Judy Henry, and Kevin Tanner, and Assessor: Ric Riniker. Submitted by Karla Schwantes.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None.

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing:

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the Conditional Use Permit. CUP are good for 5 years.

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda reported that we are about 200 items behind from last year. In 2015 there were 1,089 maintenance forms turned in, vs. 2016 there are 868 turned in. Comparing the funds: in 2015 we had \$59,269.90 and in

2016 we have \$67, 781.24, an \$8,500 increase over 2015. Sanitary permits in 2015 there were 77, and in 2016 there are 76. There were 18 rezones in 2015 compared to 17 in 2016. The deadline to have the maintenance forms turned in is August 31st. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the Zoning/Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

Lynda introduced our new Zoning and Sanitation Technician; Brad Digman, he is from Platteville.

Preliminary Budget

Lynda reported that there will be a meeting on August 4, 2016 with the Department Heads to review the budgets. Health insurance increases are still the biggest issue to work through. Lynda will be bringing the final budget numbers for approval at the September meeting.

Lynda reported that we received the preliminary DATCP budget; it increased staff and support by \$3,000 from last year. In 2016 for staff and support we received \$97,040, 2017 staff and support preliminary budget is \$100,014. The down side of the preliminary budget is that the cost sharing was reduced.

Rye Cover Crop Policy

Lynda reported that in August we review and approve the rye cover crop applications. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the clarification and wording change from: Landowners are eligible for 3 years of cost sharing To: Producers and/or their affiliates are only eligible for three years of cost sharing. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing

Lynda presented an extension request to September 6, 2016 for county cost sharing on 2 well decommissionings for Jim Udelhoven, Wingville Twp., \$500.00 for well decommissioning #1, and \$500.00 for well decommissioning #2. Wells are abandoned, we just need the paid receipts and DNR form. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the extension to September 6, 2016. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a cancellation request for Sam Schneider, Smelser Twp., \$5,000.00 for county cost sharing on a waste storage facility project. Ralph Hemling completed the design, but Sam did not like the restrictions. Sam opted to stay under the ordinance requirements of 7,000 cu/ft. storage. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve Sam's cancellation request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Loran Montgomery, Harrison Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mark Stead to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for John Lauper, Liberty Twp., \$424.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy to approve John's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on 5 rye cover crop applications; 1st year sign up is Rick Clark, Mt. Hope Twp., \$293.43 for 28.98 ac.; Jon Ragatz, E. Beetown and Waterloo Twp., \$715.13 for 70.63 ac. and Twin Springs Family Farm LLC, N. Lancaster and Little Grant Twp., \$311.75 for 30.79 ac.; 2nd year sign up is Dan Hershberger, Fennimore Twp., 196.83 for 19.44 ac. and 3rd year sign up is Tim Walz, Bloomington Twp., \$283.10 ac. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve all 5 rye cover crop applications. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing

2015 DATCP Cost Sharing

No Cost Sharing requests.

Technicians are working with the Landowners to make sure that these projects will be getting installed. Some are waiting for the crops to be removed before construction can begin.

2016 DATCP Cost Sharing

Lynda presented final approval request for 2016 DATCP cost sharing on a grade stabilization structure for Roger Guthrie, Patch Grove Twp., \$1,191.37. Roger is requesting this additional cost sharing to correct an error from the July meeting when the committee approved his cost sharing of \$5,663.04. The total county cost sharing for Roger's practice is \$6,854.41. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the additional payment. Roll Call: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused, Roger Guthrie Abstained. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for 2016 DATCP cost sharing on a manure storage closure for Joe Kirschbaum, Bloomington Twp., \$1,050.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Storage Permit Approval

Lynda reported that Breuer Farms LLC, Little Grant Twp., are constructing a concrete storage facility for 400 head of Holstein steers. REA engineering, designed the project and Ralph Hemling checked it over. They do have their NMP. They have paid their \$200.00 permit fee. Lynda approved the permit on July 26, 2016 and would like concurrence from committee. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse to concur with Lynda's permit approval. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that Tim Mergen, Patch Grove Twp., has a concrete hog storage facility that he would like to abandon. He has already paid his \$50.00 permit. He has received his construction plans for the abandonment from our office. Lynda approved the permit fee on July 6, 2016 and would like concurrence from the committee. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse to concur with Lynda's permit approval. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that Nobland Farms, Ellenboro Twp., are constructing a concrete manure storage facility. Ralph Hemling designed the project, in conjunction with Erik Heagle. They have paid their \$200.00 permit fee. Lynda approved the permit on July 27, 2016 and would like concurrence from the committee. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy to concur with Lynda's permit approval. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda handed out a survey sheet asking for conservation ideas to showcase the 2107 SAA tour in Grant County. She would like the surveys completed and returned to her by August 16th.

Lynda reported on the preliminary allocation from DATCP. In 2016, the staff and support was allocated \$97,040; in 2017 DATCP is proposing a preliminary allocation of \$100,014, a \$2,974 increase over 2016. In 2016, the cost sharing was at \$67,500; in 2017 DATCP is proposing a preliminary allocation of \$62,800, a decrease of \$4,700 for 2017.

Lynda reported that there is no BOA meeting scheduled for August or September.

The new copy machine lease that was approved at last month's meeting was delivered and is up and running.

Lean Update

Lynda reported that she will be attending the facilitators training on August 18th. Training facilitators to help with Lean projects in other departments.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

Kevin reported that there was not much going on with Farmland Preservation at this time.

- He has been working on CREP, doing the field spot checks and lots of paperwork to complete the Application and contracts.
- In the last couple of weeks he has helped out with 6 or 7 septic installations.

NRCS Report: Sue Rojemann

- ❖ Sue reported that Joe is at a local workgroup meeting at the Belmont Convention Center.
- ❖ There is an EQIP sign up coming up, the application deadline will be September 2, 2016. Then move forward to the priority screening; that deadline is December 2nd. The deadline to rank those applications and get them to the status of a contract will be January 13, 2017.
- ❖ Processing both new and renewal CRP's.
- ❖ The US Fish and Wildlife is offering seed to add to the CRP seeding mix for the Pollinator Habitat specific for Monarch Butterflies. This seed is on a first come first serve basis for CRP contracts.

FSA Report: Tammy Eibey

Tammy turned in a report for Dwight to present to the committee.

See Attached Report.

RC&D/WLWCA/LWCB Report: Dale Hood

None to Report – Today is the Land and Water Conservation Board meeting that Dale is attending.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn until September 6, 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: 8/2/14 Landowner: Mike & Nancy Porter

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 already has residences on property

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 Fennima town board on 7/11/14

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

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: Already developed land, Not prime farmland

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

Gary Roger

(Attachment B Worksheet)

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 8/2/16 Landowner: Mickey & Janet Pinkham

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: Already residence on property
Completely wooded

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 townboard on 7-12-2016

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

Mostly non Prime - Prime is completely wooded

- 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

already developed

- 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

Already developed Not taking farmground out of product

- 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: Already developed, Not taking farmground out of production, completely wooded site

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

Mark / Gary

(Attachment C worksheet)

52-910

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 8/2/14 Landowner: Thomas Peltzer Rental Property
1.29 ac.

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: Already developed Not Prime

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 town board on July 11-2016.

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
- 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
already a residence
- 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
already developed
- 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 farm ground already developed

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

Grant / Lester

(Attachment D Worksheet)
Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 8/2/16 Landowner: Thomas Pelzner 1.20 ac.

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
clustered next to existing residence

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 town board on 7-11-2016

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 farmland
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

Next to existing residence
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, next to existing residential area

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

(Circle one)

Roger / Gary

Mark - opposed.

(Attachment E Worksheet)

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 8/2/16 Landowner: Thomas Patzner 52-930, 52-927 & portions 52-929
5.55 ac.

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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: Already farmstead 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 Potosi town board on 7-11-2016.

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

- 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

Already developed

- 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

Already farmstead No crop ground taken out of production

- 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: Already developed, Not prime farmland

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

(Circle one)

Lester / Gary

Grant County FSA Report

August 1, 2016

Submitted By: Tammy Eibey, CED

Dates to Remember:

August 1, 2016

Final date to sign 2016 ARC/PLC Enrollment Contracts

August 1, 2016

Final date to submit nomination form FSA-669A for County Committee Election

September 1, 2016

Deadline to purchase 2017 Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on value loss crops, including ginseng, turf grass sod, aquaculture, and Christmas trees

September 2, 2016

Final date to submit EQIP application to local NRCS office for 2017 funding

September 5, 2016

All USDA Service Centers closed in observance of Labor Day

September 30, 2016

Deadline to purchase 2017 Dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP) coverage

September 30, 2016

Deadline to purchase 2017 Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on crops including alfalfa, birdsfoot trefoil, clover, grasses, mixed forages, rhubarb, rye, triticale, vetch, and wheat

July 15th was the final day to certify crops without a late fee of \$46.00 per farm. We completed 3534 farm reports. Keep in mind that that means we reported close to 67,000 fields! We managed to do a record number timely and be at 102% of last year's certification numbers. We are now working on fall forage reports which need to be completed by November 15th to avoid the \$46.00 late report fee.

August 1 is the deadline to timely submit and sign the ARC/PLC contract for the 2016 crop year. We are also ahead of last years completed contracts at 104% over or 2851 ARC/PLC contracts. If payments are earned for the 2015 crop year, they will be issued sometime after October 1st.

MPP Dairy sign up for 2017 has started and will end September 30th. Appointments are being made with producer that have current MPP contracts.

CRP is a very active program in Grant County. We have been working on getting the expiring contracts to NRCS and also working on getting cropping histories completed for producers inquiring about the program. Once they agree to what they want in the program, the information is submitted to NRCS. We also have a lot of cost share payments to be reviewed and paid. We are completing spot checks out in the county to review covers and mowing requests.

If you have any questions or need more information on any of the FSA Programs, please call at 608-723-7697 or stop out to the office.

Thank you,

Tammy