

# GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 4, 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 October 4, 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, Gary Northouse, and Dale Hood. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Jeff Krueger, Joe Schmelz, Bob Keeney, Greg Cerven, Pete Ludwig, Steve Launspach, Allan Becker, Ryan Becker, Tom Schmeider, Tom Wall, Tom Wall Jr., Rocky Skemp, Ron and Judy Puls, Nancy Droessler, Margaret Sprague, Faber Runde, Craig and Kathy Huberty, John Dalsing, Rick Schmit, Joe Kerkenbush, Steve Moore, Dan Timmerman, Kevin VanVeldhuizen, David Baker, Dan Dressens, Don Weydert, and Paula Nicholson.

## **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 Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the September 6, 2016 Minutes. Motion carried.

## **Approval of the Bills**

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the bills. Motion carried.

## **Public Comment** – None

## **Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Change**

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-30 Daniel Klein is requesting a Comprehensive Plan Change for ± 2 ac. of PIN: 056-00040-0000 from A2 to M1 Zoning to allow the use of a rental building for light industrial.

In Favor: South Lancaster Twp. approved on October 3, 2016.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dwight Nelson closed Public Hearing:

Motion by Gary Northouse, to recommend approval to the County Board, seconded by Roger Guthrie.

Motion carried.

## **Public Hearing for Rezones**

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-30 Daniel Klein is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 056-00040-0000 of ± 2 ac from A2 to M1 to allow the use of a rental building for light industrial.

In Favor: South Lancaster Twp. approved on October 3, 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 Lester Jantzen.

Motion carried.

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-31 Kevin and Marjo VanVeldhuizen are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 052-00729-0010 and part of 052-758-0010 and 052-00729-0000 from FP to A2 of ± 29.8 ac. to allow a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Kevin VanVeldhuizen and Potosi Twp. approved on September 12, 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 A Worksheet)

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-32 Joseph and Delores Kerkenbush are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 046-00181-0010 from FP to A2 of ± 2 ac. to allow for the construction of a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Joe Kerkenbush, 1 other individual, and Paris Twp. approved on August 10, 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 Mark Stead.

Motion carried. (See Attachment B Worksheet)

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing.

#16-33 Timothy and Trisha Klaas are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 040-00666-0020 and part of 040-00666-0030 from FP to A2 of ± 3 ac. to allow for the existing use of a non-farm residence. Purchased additional land to eliminate an easement.

In Favor: Mt. Ida Twp. approved on September 21, 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 Dale Hood.

Motion carried. (See Attachment C Worksheet)

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing.

#16-34 City of Fennimore – Cemetery is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 040-00337-0010, 040-00338-0000 from FP to A2 of ± 11.62 ac. to allow the use of a cemetery.

In Favor: Margaret Sprague and Mt. Ida Twp. approved on September, 21, 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 D Worksheet)

### **Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits**

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#CUP 16-009 Thomas Schneider is requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN: 026-00774-0000, 056-00419-0000, and 056-00419-0010 of ± 40.48 ac. to create a campground with pool, office and bathroom buildings with year round camp sites, Chapter 315, 3.13 (2) (f) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Tom Schneider, John Dalsing, David Baker, Faber Runde, and 6 others that registered in favor of the zoning request, but not speak. Steve Lonsback, Allen Becker, and Ryan Becker registered in favor and introduced themselves as the potential new owners of the family style campground. Jamestown Twp. approved on September 6, 2016 to allow the use of a campground provided the following 2 conditions are complied with: An 8' man made fence is installed along the property boundary of Skemp's Subdivision prior to any campsites being occupied, and a full line of trees will be planted between the fence and the subdivision.

In Opposition: Rocky Skemp, questioned the ownership of the property and if plans are approved by the DNR; Judy & Ron Puls, the ownership difference throughout the process; Craig Huberty, water not going into the lake, opposes the exit road and the pump out station next to his home; Kathy Huberty, claims it will devalue her home; 2 others registered in opposition, but did not speak.

In Interest: 2 individuals registered for informational purposes.

Applicants Rebuttal: Tom Schneider stated that the photos of the standing water were over 2 ½ years ago, and since then drains have been installed.

Committee Discussion: Mark Stead asked if the new owners were Grant County residences. No they are not residents, but are all small business owners.

Requests to speak from the public: The developer spoke regarding the exit road. They want the campers to come by the office to check in. That road is a fire lane only used for an emergency.

Question was asked if it is a resort or a campground? Tom Wall Jr. explained that they are working off the exact plans as when he was the owner. Nothing has changed.

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing:

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions that the Township is requiring; to install an 8' man made fence with a full line of trees behind before any campsites are populated. Motion carried. (See Attachment D Worksheet)

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#CUP 16-011 City of Fennimore – Cemetery; Contingent upon approval of Petition #16-34 for PIN: 040-00337-0010, and 040-00338-0000, of ± 11.62 ac. to allow the use of existing cemetery; and plat additional 2.25 ac. for future cemetery use, Chapter 315, 3.5 (2) (b) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Margaret Sprague, and Mt. Ida Township on September 21, 2016. Is consistent with their Comp Plan.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Questions of Committee: Roger Guthrie asked why the cemetery doesn't extend to the Northwest. Margaret explained: that section belongs to the Catholic Cemetery.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the Conditional Use Permit to allow the use of existing cemetery with the conditions that: the site must contain at least 10 acres of land and all principle structures are not less than 200' from any property line. This permit will allow the use of existing cemetery and plat an additional 2.25 ac. for future cemetery use, adding an additional 1,100 burial sites.

Motion carried.

### **Jamestown Township – Discussion on Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

Faber Runde and Dan Timmerman would like to see an amendment take place on some lots that are zoned as R-1 and R-2. Lots are big enough for a home, but not big enough for the home that they wish to build. They would like to see an Amendment to the setbacks on those lots. The CSZD will be rewriting the Ordinance in the next year or so and will be addressing these issues on sewerred lots. Lynda asked Faber if they wanted to pursue an amendment or wait for ordinance rewrite. Who do you wish to fund the Amending of the Zoning Ordinance? the County? the Applicant? Cost is \$400.00 to rezone. Will get started on this as soon as possible in hopes to have it ready for next year. Kruser's have chosen to not go through the Board of Adjustments.

### **Zoning and Sanitation Report**

Lynda reported that several 3 year maintenance forms are still coming in. We are behind on Maintenance forms from last year with 2,343 in 2015, and 1,947 in 2016. Just sent out 400 late letters to those that did not do their 3 year sanitation maintenance and 100 of those were some that just had their tanks replaced and not their whole system and was missed on the spring mailing. In 2015 we put an announcement in the paper in July as a reminder of the deadline of the maintenance form and not to wait for the last minute to contact a pumper/plumber. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to accept the Zoning/Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

### **County Cost Sharing**

Lynda presented an extension request until December 1, 2016 for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Robert Hudson, Cassville Twp., \$195.00; and Mark Wetter, Harrison Twp., \$237.25. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy to approve both extensions. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Dustin Leibfried, Potosi Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Roger and Janet Graney, South Lancaster Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a grade stabilization structure for Dennis Kaiser, Jamestown Twp., \$3,500.00. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Grant Loy to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval requests for county cost sharing on 3 well decommissionings for Greg & Donna Martin, Liberty Twp., \$480.00; Richard & Vicki Deshaw, Little Grant Twp., \$500.00; and Rhonda Cooley, Beetown Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 3 requests. Motion carried.

### **Cost Sharing**

#### **2015 DATCP Cost Sharing**

Lynda presented a 2015 DATCP cost sharing cancellation request for Travis Mumm, Clifton Twp., \$5,950.00 for his stream crossing. Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve Travis's cancellation request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for 2015 DATCP cost sharing on a grassed waterway for Paul Wantschik, Paris Twp., \$3,546.38. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Grant Loy to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

## **2016 DATCP Cost Sharing**

None to Report.

## **Storage Permit Approval**

None to Report.

## **SAA Tour Planning**

Lynda handed out a listing of the 2017 SAA Tour Ideas and plotted them on a map. There were 21 places and ideas of items to showcase for Conservation in Grant County, 6 ideas for serving/catering lunch, and 20 ideas for sponsors or donations. Had a listing of 11 items of what we have enjoyed the most on past tours and 7 items that were least liked on past tours. Lynda presented a tentative route, but asked for input of members for any other route that would be of interest. They were in favor of the tentative route that Lynda presented.

## **CSZD Administrator Report**

Lynda reported that GCS didn't get back to us prior to our October 4<sup>th</sup> CSZC meeting with a cost of the maintenance fee so it was tentatively approved for \$3,500.00 for the 2017 budget. The actual GCS contract came in at \$3,490.00.

Lynda reported that Jeff and Brad are planning to attend the Wisconsin County Code Administrators Conference in Appleton, on October 12 – 14, 2016.

Lynda reported that she attended the Annual Farm Bureau meeting on September 27, 2016. They are very good at including her on any state conservation issues going on. This year they are addressing the issues with Pollinators.

Lynda reported that the Southern Area Association Fall meeting will be held at the Fitchburg Library on October 25, 2016. Let Lynda know who plans to attend.

Lynda reported that there is no BOA meeting scheduled for October. City of Fennimore, Waste Treatment Plant will be requesting a BOA meeting, possibly in November. The DNR is greatly encouraging the treatment plant to reduce their phosphorus rate.

## **Lean Update**

Lynda reported that she submitted a Charter worksheet from our office to assess streamlining the sanitation citation. This will be the first Lean Project that they will be working on. Jeff Anderson and Nancy Scott will be the facilitators for our project and looking to incorporate our Technicians, Brad, Jeff, as well as Ben Wood, Lisa Renniker, Clerk of Court, Sheriff's Department, the Treasurer, and a representative from the Judges to get involved with the sanitation citation process.

Lynda also mentioned that they will now be incorporating the fire number process on the Zoning permit application. This will be for Zoned Townships only.

## **FPP Report: Kevin Lange**

- ❖ Kevin reported that he is finished with CREP re-enrollments and will be starting with some new contracts later this fall.
- ❖ Working on FPP spot checks.
- ❖ Grant County is hosting the Tri-County High School land judging contest. Digging the pits on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and the Contest will be on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz**

- ❖ There will be an EQIP screening deadline on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will work at getting the design work completed. They had 81 EQIP applications the first round.

- ❖ There will be a new evaluation process on CSP coming and will be having some training for that in October.  
Sign up's for CSP will be in November/December. They will be processing payments for CSP in the next couple of weeks.
- ❖ Grant County usually gets around 160 to 170 AD 1026's a year, wetland and sodbusting form. FSA will be giving the NRCS the AD1026 and we will scan it to someone that is on the compliance team – NRCS office staff won't be doing them anymore.
- ❖ Grant County staff will still be conducting their own randomly selected annual status reviews.
- ❖ Trout Unlimited is having a tour in Northern Grant County; 1 or 2 sites on the Blue River, 1 site on the 6 Mile Branch, and 1 site on Big Springs Branch.
- ❖ Had an office change – Sue Rojemann has transitioned to a different position taking on more multi county jobs. She is now an Area Staff employee not a County Staff. There will be more offices and staff moving around in the near future.
- ❖ CRP was a really big year for Grant County. By far the most in the State. Between the new contracts and the renewals, there were 279 contracts signed for a total of 9,380.83 acres. There were 228 new HELI contracts, 42 CREP contracts, and a few General CRP contracts. We were informed that nationally they were running out of acres to enroll in CRP. From September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 16<sup>th</sup> – between FSA staff, Lynda, Kevin, Annette, Sue, Joe, Josh, and Halley we were able to complete 87 contracts in 15 calendar days. Grant County has 1,106 active CRP contracts with 27,588 acres.

**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. Dale asked what is the difference between R1, R2, and R3? R1 is for light population, only single family dwellings; R2 is for multi-family dwellings, such as a duplex or 4-plex; and R3 allows mobile homes.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dale Hood to adjourn until November 1, 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: 10/4/16 Landowner: Kevin & Marjoleen Veldhuizen

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 farmground  
Woodlot, pasture & 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 9/12/16

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

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, woodlot & pasture

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

WV/egm

(Attachment B Worksheet)

# Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 10/4/16 Landowner: Joseph & Dolores Pentebuse

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 clustered by residential

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 Paristownship 8/10/2014

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

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: Clustering residential areas

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

*Lesley Mark*



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

Date: 10/4/16 Landowner: Timothy & Trisha Klaas

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 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 Mt Ida Townboard 9/21/14

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: Purchasing property to eliminate need for easement

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

Grant/Board

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

Date: 10/4/16 Landowner: City of Ferrimore - Cemetery

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: Currently is developed as a Cemetery. Clustering it in the same area

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 Mt Ida townboard 9/21/16

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

Clustering Cemetery use in same area

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

Currently 2 cemeteries there

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: Clustering use in same area

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

mark Tracy

Grant County FSA Report

September 30, 2016

Submitted By: Tammy Eibey, CED

## Dates to Remember

### **October 10, 2016:**

**USDA Service Centers closed** in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

### **November 15, 2016:**

**Acreage reporting deadline** for 2017 crops including fall-seeded crops, perennial forage, fall mint, pasture, rangeland, forage, and cover crops.

### **November 21, 2016:**

**NAP application deadline for 2017 crops** including apples, asparagus, blueberries, caneberries, cherries, cranberries, currants, grapes, honey, hops, maple sap, pears, and strawberries

**\*Revised\* December 16, 2016** Deadline to sign up for 2017 Dairy Margin Protection Program

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We are now working on fall forage reports which need to be completed by November 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid the \$46.00 late report fee. We are scheduling appointments.

MPP Dairy sign up for 2017 has started and now the end for 2017 is December 16<sup>th</sup>. Appointments are being made with producer that have current MPP contracts.

CRP – Joe will give a report on what the FSA and NRCS and LCD accomplished with the CRP Program for FY 16. If it wasn't for the teamwork, we would never have been able to complete 279 contracts. 87 were completed in two weeks when FSA was given the September 26<sup>th</sup> deadline to have all in and approved due to the CRP software being taken offline until the new FY starting October 1.

CRP Payments will be issued soon after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

ARC PLC- 2850 contracts were signed up and approved by the mandated deadline. We had 102% from FY 15 approved contracts.

ARC CO and PLC payments are being calculated and will be issued soon after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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



















