

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 3, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Grant County Board Room (#264)

Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on January 03, 2017 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 Dale Hood. Gary Northouse was Excused. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Joe Schmelz, Bob Keeney, John Brandemuehl, and Darlene Myers.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to Karla Schwantes and Linda Gebhard to post in the Administration Building and at the Courthouse, also sent an agenda to Bob Middendorf, WGLR, and was posted in the front of the Ag Service Center Building. Media notices were sent to Karla Schwantes, Linda Gebhard, Herald Independent, Tri County Press, Platteville Journal, and the Muscoda Progressive.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the December 6, 2016 Minutes with these changes: Dale asked to be excused vs. absent; adding Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing for rezone #16-39; and to change the spelling from Council to Counsel in the Zoning and Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#16-40 John and Sheila Schluez is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 014-00132-0000 of +/- 1.02 ac from FP to A2 to allow the use of a non-farm residence and construction of an accessory facility.

In Favor: 1 individual and the Ellenboro Twp. approved on December 07, 2016. Stating it is consistent with their Comprehensive Plan.

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 Grant Loy.

Motion carried. (See Attachment A Worksheet)

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#17-01 J & C Realty is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 026-00258-0093 from R1 to R3 of +/- .35 ac. to allow for the use of a multifamily residence.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on December 06, 2016. Stating it is consistent with their Comprehensive Plan.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board. Motion carried.

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda reported that the total fees collected in 2015 were \$125,330.10 and in 2016 was \$127,777.49; a \$2,447.39 increase. In 2015 there were 157 Sanitary Permits issued, and in 2016 there were 126 Sanitary Permits issued. The increase of total funds collected is reflected by the increased cost of the sanitary permit fee. Lynda also handed out a summary of all the rezones, CUP's, and Comp Plan Changes that were presented in 2016. Lynda mentioned that they had interviewed 4 applicants out of 12 that applied and have offered the position to Justin Johnson from New Richmond, WI. Justin accepted the position. His first day will be on January 11th. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to accept the Zoning and Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing

The County Cost Sharing carryover amount from 2016 is \$4,374.80, adding the budgeted amount of \$20,000 for a beginning balance of \$24,374.80 to allocate for 2017.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Richard and Vicki DeShaw, Little Grant Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Mark Stead to approve the maximum payment of \$500.00. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Cost Sharing

2016 DATCP Cost Sharing

Lynda reported that there is \$39,343.70 extended for 2016 DATCP cost share contracts.

2017 DATCP Cost Sharing

Lynda reported that there is \$62,800.00 to allocate for 2017 DATCP cost share requests.

Storage Permit Approval

None to report.

SAA Tour Planning

Lynda has no updates.

WLWCA Dues

Lynda reported that we have received the WLWCA Annual Dues request. There was an increase in dues this year; in 2016 they were \$1431, and in 2017 they are \$1459, an increase of \$28. On the invoice they were also asking for optional payment of \$350 dues for SOC, \$50 dues for Wisconsin Envirothon, and \$50 dues for the Great Lakes Committee. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Mark Stead to pay the 2017 - \$1459 dues. Motion carried.

WLWCA Conference

Lynda mentioned since we have paid our dues we may attend the WLWCA Conference to be held at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake on March 15-17. Those who plan on attending, need to fill out the application form with the breakout sessions. Need to know who is going by February 15th for the early registration deadline.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that she wrote a letter of support for SW Badger RC&D supporting the Invasive Species Grant. Supporting their efforts in Invasive Species control.

Lynda reported that she has started the process for the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Revision. She will be hosting a meeting at the Youth and Ag Building at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 26, 2017, inviting all Town Boards and their Planning Committees to come and share their comments and concerns regarding the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. After this meeting Lynda will be setting up a time to attend each Township Meeting; February/March, is when the public will have a chance to attend. Committee members are welcome to attend. A disclaimer is on the letter stating "There may be a quorum of a Committee or the Grant County Board of Supervisors present at the Special meeting, but there will be no action taken by any committee or the Board of Supervisors".

Lynda reported that there is a Board of Adjustment scheduled for January 12, 2017, for a setback issue.

Lean Update

Lynda reported that she has been working on 2 different Lean Projects. They held their 2nd Citation Lean Meeting on December 14th. This is regarding the Sanitary Citations for those individuals that failed to do their 3 year maintenance or failed to upgrade their septic system. Working on developing a program that will be more efficient and more effective on the Sanitary Citation process. The 3rd meeting will be sometime in January. Lynda is a facilitator for the Unified's Lean Project – Stepping Up. They held their 1st meeting on December 12th. Their second meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2017.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

- ❖ Kevin reported that he has 13 Notices of Noncompliance with Farmland Preservation. These 13 had been spot checked in 2015 and do not have a DATCP approved NMP yet. These individuals received a letter in April of 2016 reminding them to do their NMP. A second letter was sent in October to remind them to have their soil samples pulled before the ground freezes. Everyone is given a year to get into compliance. Those out of compliance are: Stanley & Patricia Broadbent, Watterstown Twp., Mark & Jane Dietzel, Paris Twp., Richard & Mary Goss, Liberty Twp., Delores Griswold, Clifton Twp., Steve & Dale Harris, Hickory Grove Twp., Judith Koehler, Fennimore and Wingville Twp., Lawrence & Daniel Kovars, Hickory Grove and Watterstown Twp., Bernard & Rhonda Runde, Jamestown Twp., Reed & Rebecca Trefz, Fennimore Twp., Ronnie & Susan Updike, Hickory Grove Twp., Danny & Michelle White, Mount Hope Twp., Tim Withrow, Lima Twp., and Kevin & Debra Woodward, Platteville Twp. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the 13 Notices of Noncompliance. Motion carried.
- ❖ Kevin reported that he has 6 cancellations of Notices of Noncompliance for FPP for Raymond & Mary Kirschbaum, Marion Twp., Dorothy Macke, South Lancaster Twp., Steve Muldoon, South Lancaster and Ellenboro Twp., James & Janelle Murray, South Lancaster Twp., Terry Schaefer, Clifton Twp., and Daniel & Elva Sensenig, Liberty Twp. These 6 landowners have completed a DATCP approved NMP. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance. Motion carried.
- ❖ Kevin reported that he has been busy issuing Certificates of Compliance for many new participants.
- ❖ Lynda mentioned that in 2015 they spot checked 117 FPP participants, out of those 117 landowners, 102 were 100% in compliance, 20 were working toward a NMP, 4 had agreements that did not need a NMP, and 26 Voluntarily opted out of the program. Some of these landowners are carryovers from 2014.
In 2016, they spot checked 122, out of those 122 landowners, 59 were 100% in compliance, 57 were working toward a NMP, 0 agreements, and 6 Voluntarily opted out of the program.
- ❖ Kevin has been working on some new CREP contracts.

- ❖ Kevin reported that Tree Orders are starting to come in.
- ❖ Kevin reported that they will be doing the Farmer Written NMP computer classes on Wednesday, January 4th and Thursday, January 5th at UW-Platteville.

NRCS Report: Joe Schmelz

- ❖ The first EQIP Ranking Deadline for 2017 funds deadline is January 13, 2017. Only have 1 to follow up on.
- ❖ There is a second batching date/application deadline scheduled for March 3, 2017. There are approximately 20 people that have expressed an interest. Will be going out in the field to look at the sites and start surveying for the March 3rd deadline.
- ❖ The application deadline for CSP is February 3rd. Will have around 13 landowners deferred from last year, and an additional 12 landowners have shown interest in the program. Should be receiving all the necessary tools to assess the property in Mid-January.
- ❖ CRP has slowed down a bit. FSA is working on a lot of new applications. FSA is anticipating that between renewals and new applications to be between 150 to 200 contracts. Nationally, CRP acres are capped at 24 million acres and nationally it is at 23½ million acres already in CRP.

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

Dale reported a few items from the Land & Water Board Meeting. They reviewed 4-5 Land and Water Resource Management Plans. He reported that Buffalo County reduced their soil loss from 5.9 tons of soil loss down to 1.7 tons of soil loss per acre. Trempealeau County does engineering for roads in their Townships.

Dale mentioned that Keith had a talk at the WLWCA meeting regarding all the changes at ATP-50.

Poster Contest – Annette Lolwing

Annette reported that there were 4 schools that participated this year, they are: S.S. Andrew-Thomas, Potosi (23 posters), St. Joseph School, Hazel Green (16 posters), St. Mary School, Bloomington (28 posters), Lancaster High School, (1 poster), 1 individual from Cuba City Elementary School for a total of 69 posters. The theme for the Poster Contest is “Healthy Soils are Full of Life”. Results of the Local poster judging are: Grade: K-1: 1st Place: Matthew Tolle, St. Mary School, Bloomington; 2nd Place: Madison Decker, SS. Andrew-Thomas School, Potosi; 3rd Place: Eden Thornton, St. Mary School, Bloomington; Grades 2-3: 1st Place: Libby Vogt, St. Mary School, Bloomington; 2nd Place: Nick Busch, St. Joseph Catholic School, Hazel Green; 3rd Place: William Tobin, SS. Andrew-Thomas School, Potosi; Grades 4-6: 1st Place: Jessica Patterson, St. Mary School, Bloomington; 2nd Place: Karen Hernandez, St. Mary School, Bloomington; 3rd Place: Elle Pierce, SS. Andrew-Thomas School, Potosi; Grades 7-9: 1st Place: Savannah Erzen, St. Joseph Catholic School, Hazel Green, 2nd Place: Alisa Ramaker, St. Joseph Catholic School, Hazel Green; 3rd Place: Owen Vogelsberg, SS. Andrew-Thomas School, Potosi; Grades 10-12: 1st Place: Samantha Vondrum, Lancaster Senior High School..

Committee Photo to be taken at the February 7th meeting.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Grant Loy to adjourn until February 7, 2017 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: 12/6/14

Landowner: John & Shelia Schuenz

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 Residential
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 Ellenboro townboard 12/7/14

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

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

Already Residential

- 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, not taking land out of production

The CSZC ☒ recommends ☐ does not recommend approval to the Grant County Board of Supervisors

(Circle one)

Justified Grant

Grant County FSA Report

January 2017

Submitted By: Tammy Eibey, CED

Dates to Remember

January 1, 2017:

New County Committee members take office

January 2, 2017:

USDA Service Centers Closed

January 3, 2017:

Acreage reporting deadline for 2017 honey

January 16, 2017:

USDA Service Centers Closed

January 17, 2017:

Acreage reporting deadline for crops including apples, asparagus, blueberries, caneberries, cherries, cranberries, currants, grapes, hops, huckleberries, pears, and strawberries

February 2, 2017:

Acreage reporting deadline for 2017 maple sap

February 20, 2017:

USDA Service Centers Closed

CRP – We have had nonstop interest from producers wanting to submit CRP offers in 2017. The process has changed since the national level of acreage available is about reached. It is now more competitive. There are over 100 that need the process completed. We have close to 100 contracts expiring 9/30/2017 that will have to have work done if they plan on reenrolling.

ARC PLC- ARC CO – We are starting to take appointments for the 2017 contract year. Appointment cards will be sent out to producers with a date and time but they can call and reschedule.

We are trying to work on Map updates, Reconstitutions of farms due to land sales and purchases and marketing assistance loans for corn and soybeans.

We had two employees retire on October 31, 2016 and Rose Duncan, a 34 year employee of FSA, passed away on December 14th. She will be greatly missed. At the time of this meeting, we will have closed our Advertisement for a Program Technician.

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