

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

February 7, 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 February 7, 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. Gabe Loeffelholz was Absent. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Justin Johnson, Brad Digman, Dustin Moor, Jeff Moor, Greg Cerven, Dan Goltz, Dave Timmerman, Dave Bainbridge, and Josh Bushee.

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. The Amended agenda was also posted in the Administration Building, Courthouse, and in the Ag Service Center Building on Friday February 3, 2017.

Approval of Amended Agenda

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the Amended Agenda with the correction of the Approval of January 3, 2016 to 2017 Minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the January 3, 2017 Minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#17-02 Jeffery and Julie Moor are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 026-01382-0000 of +/- 3.01 ac. from FP to A2 to allow the use of a non-farm residence. Driveway has been approved by the state.

In Favor: Dustin Moor and Jeff & Julie Moor registered in favor and Jamestown Twp. approved on January 10, 2017.

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 Grant Loy.

Motion carried. (See Attachment A Worksheet)

Sanitation Late Fee Increase

Lynda and Brad have been participating in a Lean project to improve the sanitation maintenance program. The facilitators were Nancy Scott and Jeff Anderson, Bob Keeney was the team Champion, Lynda was the team leader; other team members were: Brad Digman, Sanitation Technician, Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel, Tina McDonald, Clerk of Court, Chris Johll, Sheriff's Department, Troy Morris, Health Department, and Louise Ketterer, Treasurer. Brad mentioned that they are entering more information on the website and in the office to inform and educate the public of following the steps of the 3 year maintenance cycle and explain why it is so important. The 3 year maintenance form has been revised and placed on the website. The Lean project facilitators presented a \$250.00 late fee verses a \$10.00 late fee that is in place at this time. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Grant Loy to increase the late fee to \$100.00. Motion Carried. 1 Opposed. Will assess the process in August.

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda introduced Brad Digman, as our Sanitation Technician, and Justin Johnson our new Zoning Technician that started his new position on January 11, 2017.

Lynda reported that on January 26, 2017, a meeting was held at the Youth & Ag Building inviting the 19 Town Boards that are in a zoned Township. There were 10 Town Boards that attended. The meeting involved the issues with the ordinance. Each Town Board was given a survey to review at their meeting and to give their input on what they would like to have changed in their Township. The meeting was much appreciated by the Town Boards.

Lynda reported that she and Brad attended a zoning leadership conference on January 9th and 10th in Stevens Point. It was administered by Wisconsin County Code Administrators. Lynda and Brad both mentioned that it was a very good conference. Brad got to meet a lot of the other Counties that have similar positions that we do. Really helps with networking together through issues that others are having. The conference was aimed toward the newer employees. They gave a lot of the history of how it got to where it is today.

Lynda handed out a document regarding Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning. Those in an unzoned Township, don't need a zoning permit. Lynda stated that Shoreland and Floodplain is County wide not just in zoned Townships. Trying to educate all the Townships to send all Shoreland zoning requests to our office for review. Another misconception is that Ag buildings don't require a zoning permit. They do require a Zoning permit and in fact, may have higher setback standards.

Lynda reported that on the Zoning/Sanitation Report it showed that there were 31 maintenance and late fees reported from January 1, 2016 to February 1, 2016, and only 8 maintenance and late fees reported from January 1, 2017 to February 1, 2017. In 2015, Citations were sent out in December, which initiated the 31 maintenance and late fees in 2016. Citations have not been sent out for 2017 as of yet.

Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program: Greg Cerven & Dan Goltz

Greg handed out a listing of participants and claim amounts that were received by those individuals in the 2016 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program. Everyone met the requirements except Jeff Wernimont. He did not get enough deer shot. Greg made a recommendation that Jeff does not qualify for his payment. A recommendation was to approve Steve Adrian, Clement Dressler, Dennis Haas, Lynn Kirschbaum, Ray Kirschbaum, and Bob Waterman for payment and Not Jeff Wernimont. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Mark Stead to approve the 6 landowners for payment that met all their objectives. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing

Started out with \$24,374.80.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Greg and Donna Martin, Liberty Twp., \$542.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Brenda Martin, Liberty Twp., \$538.05. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Clement and Wanda O'Brien, Mt. Hope Twp., \$500.00. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Mark Stead to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a waste facility closure for Richard Junk, Cassville Twp., \$2,764.69. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a grade stabilization structure for Daniel Reynolds, Potosi Twp., \$551.01 and 2016 DATCP cost sharing of \$8,578.80 for a total of \$9,129.81. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve County and DATCP cost sharing payments. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Glen and Betty McFall, Harrison Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve Glen and Betty's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on well decommissioning for Eli Bontrager, Wingville Twp., \$720.00. Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve Eli's request. Motion carried.

Cost Sharing

2016 DATCP Cost Sharing

Lynda presented final approval request for 2016 DATCP cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Doug and Janice Steinback, Harrison Twp., \$7,466.90. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mark Stead to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

2017 DATCP Cost Sharing

Lynda presented tentative approval request for 2017 DATCP cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Larry and Donna Haines, Ellenboro Twp., \$10,000.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve Larry and Donna's request. Motion carried.

Storage Permit Approval

Lynda reported that she has a permit approval for Steve Bollant, Wingville Twp., to do a concrete storage abandonment project of 30' wide, by 150' long by 10 ½ feet deep with approximately 47,250 cubic feet of storage that was used for dairy. Steve has paid his \$50.00 permit fee. Erik has completed the abandonment design. Motion by Grant, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve Steve's abandonment request. Motion carried.

Request to Bid Out for Erik's Truck

Lynda reported that Erik's truck, 2002 Ford F150 is in need of some major repair, and would prefer putting money into a new vehicle. Currently there is \$20,573 in the vehicle account, and could allocate \$2,500.00 from vehicle maintenance account to put towards a new vehicle. We were on a 5 year budget plan to purchase a new vehicle, but since the merge in 2013 we were in need of an additional vehicle which we

purchased a Jeep in 2014. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve us to put out bids for a new truck. Motion carried.

Building Rent Discussion

Lynda reported that no contract has been presented at this time. Since 2010, we have been renting on a month to month, \$15/sq. ft. for 1200 sq. ft. for \$18,000 per year. A measurement was taken to determine the sq. footage that we are using now. Dave Bainbridge is proposing a ten year lease for \$21.76 for 1461 sq. ft. totaling \$31,791 per year. FSA and NRCS are paying the \$21.76 per sq. ft. for a 10 year lease. This additional \$13,791 is not in our budget at this time.

Motion was made by Dale Hood, seconded by Lester Jantzen to go into closed session at 10:29 a.m. Roll call was taken, 6 members were in favor. 1 was absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Dale Hood to return back into open session at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Grant asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Dwight reported that they have a proposal to present. We accept the 1461 sq. footage with an increase of \$2.75, to the rent coming to \$17.75 sq. ft. With the increase effective for the 1st of March for 2017 and to negotiate the 2018 rent in June of 2017. Dave Bainbridge accepted that proposal and will draw up a contract for the remaining of 2017. Motion was made by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen to accept the proposal as read. Motion carried.

Southwest Badger RC&D Dues Approval

Lynda reported that Southwest Badger has invoiced us for \$2,500 for 2017. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve paying the \$200.00 that has been approved in our budget. Motion carried

SAA Tour Planning

Lynda has no updates.

WLWCA Conference Donations

Lynda asked the committee to donate a local item of interest for our WLWCA basket for the silent auction. The fund raising from the silent auction is used for youth education.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that the Nutrient Management Farmer Education Class was held on the first week of January. There were 4 landowners that had attended, and all 4 NM plans were finished on the first day, second day wasn't needed. All 4 individuals completed their survey and would recommend the class to others.

Lynda mentioned that there will be a couple of resolutions that will be voted on at the WLWCA Conference. One resolution is support for "Groundwater Programs", and the other is "Support of Sustainable Farm Managed Grazing Operations". There are no resolutions coming out of the Southern Area.

Lynda mentioned that we will need to reschedule the July meeting, it falls on the 4th of July. The Highway Department has their conference during our scheduled June meeting and are asking to reschedule that meeting as well.

Lynda reported that there was a Board of Adjustment held on January 12, 2017, for a setback issue on County Road D.

Lean Update

Lynda mentioned that she is the facilitator for Unified's Lean project Steppin Up, and their next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2017.

FPP Report: Kevin Lange

- ❖ Kevin reported that he has 3 Notices of Noncompliance with Farmland Preservation. These 3 had voluntarily opted out of FPP. Those out of compliance are: Stanley & Connie Skaife, Wingville Twp., Carolyn White-Knapp, Mount Hope Twp., and Kurt Admundson, Mount Hope Twp. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 3 Notices of Noncompliance. Motion carried.
- ❖ Kevin reported that he has been busy issuing Certificates of Compliance.
- ❖ Kevin has been working on several CREP contracts.
- ❖ Kevin has been busy writing articles for the Annual Report.
- ❖ Kevin reported that the tree sale ends February 10th. So far there are 58 customers, for around 5,800 trees. In 2016 we had an all-time high of 146 customers selling over 12,000+ trees.

NRCS Report: Josh Bushee

- ❖ Josh reported that they just finished a funding cycle for EQIP, having around 30 contracts with just over 750,000 in Grant County. There will be a 2nd application/batching date which ends March 3rd.
- ❖ They just announced the Local Workgroup Meeting will be on June 14, 2017 with time and location to be announced.
- ❖ The CSP sign up deadline was on February 3rd. This yielded approximately 17 applications, 8,400 acres.
- ❖ The annual compliance review list should be out soon.

FSA Report: Tammy Eibey

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

Lynda read the report. Tammy Eibey accepted another position and will be transferring to Jones County FSA Office in Anamosa IA. Gary Northouse will no longer be the FSA representative on the CSZC. He is being replaced by Gabe Loeffelholz.

See Attached Report.

RC&D/WLWCA/LWCB Report: Dale Hood

Dale reported that RC&D has a grazing specialist, and there is a resolution on grazing that will be at the WLWCA Conference.

Dale reported that Jim Vandenbrook started a new group called "Food, Land, and Water". It is a workgroup of approximately 40 people. These members of the workgroup have been separated out into 4 groups: surface water, ground water, ground water quantity, and future of WI Working Lands. Their goal is to receive something feasible and workable to present to the legislation regarding what needs to be done to keep quality water in the state of WI.

As of January 1, 2017, Dale is no longer on the LWCB Board.

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

Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Mark Stead to adjourn until March 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: 2/7/17 Landowner: Jeffery & Julie Moor

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:

parcel is not prime farmground
Area is wooded & not cropped

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 Jamestown township 1/10/17

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 farmground

- 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

Wooded area not cropped

- 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

Not in existing cropground

- 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:

Mark Grant

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



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February 1, 2017

Grant County FSA Report

Good Morning. When you receive this report at your meeting I will be no longer the CED in Grant County. I am transferring to the Jones County FSA Office in Anamosa, Iowa. It will be a lot closer to home. I have enjoyed the 2 years that I have worked here at the Grant County FSA Office. It was nice to have cooperation from all the agencies. I think FSA, NRCS, County Conservation, DNR and FWS worked very well to best serve the producers here in Grant County. Thank you for everything- Tammy

The office will remain short staffed due to the Federal hiring freeze put in place. We also have one employee leaving to go into the County Operations Trainee Program to become a County Executive Director. There will be an Acting CED starting on February 6th. I ask that everyone be patient while things are in transition.

CRP remains to be busy. We are trying to get through all the requests. We still have some just wanting to see what the rates are and take that to their renter. This slows down our whole process. Acres are now very limited due to the 24 million acre cap. We have several contracts expiring in September 2017 that need attention to be reenrolled.

We are sending out appointment post cards for the 2017 ARC/PLC program year and that is going along well. We are seeing many land changes but are trying to get things updated prior or during the appointment if we can make the updates required.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Eibey
County Executive Director