

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 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 November 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, Grant Loy, Gabe Loeffelholz, and Dale Hood. Roger Guthrie, Excused. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Kevin Lange, Justin Johnson, Nathalie Schattner, Bob Keeney, Elysa Vondra, Travis Kupparas, Greg Cerven, Fred Blankenship, Laura Lee, and Wendy Warren

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, Muscoda Progressive, and the Boscobel Dial.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the November 7, 2017 agenda with a change of spelling on the name of Blankership, to Blankenship. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the October 3, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Amended August 1, 2017 Minutes to Include (Attachment A Worksheet) for the Cathman Rev. Living Trust Rezone

Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Dale Hood to amend the August 1, 2017 minutes to include the (Attachment A Worksheet) for the Cathman Rev. Living Trust Rezone. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the Bills

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to accept the bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing:

#17-20 Hudspeth Auto Parts LLC, Potosi Twp. is requesting a rezone on PIN: 046-00187-0030 of +/- 9.44 ac. from M1 to A2. To allow for the use of a non-farm residence for Lot 1.

In Favor: Potosi Twp., approved on October 17, 2017. Applicant registered in favor but wished not to speak.

In Opposition: None.

In Interest: None.

Committee Discussion: None.

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing:

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

Fred Blankenship Request to Waive Variance Fee of \$800.00

Justin reported that Fred Blankenship's property was damaged by the July flooding in Cassville. Fred would like to install a retaining wall to stabilize a streambank that is encroaching toward his garage. He is requesting a variance to construct the retaining wall within the 75' no build zone. He is requesting to have the Variance Fee of \$800.00 waived. Lynda explained that it costs \$200.00 for posting the variance and another \$300.00 for the BOA per-diem not including staff time and supplies. Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Grant Loy to waive the variance fee. Roll call vote was taken: 4 Yes, 2 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried to waive the variance fee.

Hammer Law Firm Request

Lynda mentioned that all the committee members received a letter from Hammer Law Firm. The law firm had received the public records request materials that they had requested. They stated that after reviewing the documents and speaking with the Township's attorney, Ben Wood, it appears that there were no procedural deficiencies in the Conditional Use Permit process. The Reinerts are still requesting the fence be removed. Corporation Counsel stated that since we did not receive an appeal from Pete and Betty Reinert within the 30 day after the decision, the case is closed. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy to respond to the law firms' letter with that statement. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Chapter 225 Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Ordinance Amendment

(See Attachment A)

Motion by Lester Janzen, seconded by Dale Hood to recommend approval to full County Board. Motion carried.

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda reported that 17 Townships have adopted the updated Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Lima Township plans to adopt the ordinance. Have not heard anything from Millville Township.

Lynda reported that she and Justin have been working on the updated Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Received comments back from the DNR. Justin is working with the DNR to address those comments.

Lynda reported on the FEMA flood plain. Lynda received a letter regarding the hazard designation that Grant County had received from the Cassville flooding. Justin and Lynda met with Steve Braun to discuss how many damaged houses were actually in the FEMA flood plain. Need to document and report those structures to DNR. There was 1 structure out of the flood plain, and 2 structures were within the flood plain. Justin and Lynda will be going to Darlington to a flood plain zoning workshop.

Lynda published a Countryside Clinic news article in the local newspapers titled; Zoning and Your New Home: WHAT TO CHECK OUT BEFORE YOU PURCHASE. It is not illegal to sell some property with incorrect zoning.

Lynda reported that on November 16, 2017 there will be a Board of Adjustment for Liberty Township.

Lynda reported that on September 25th, 290 second late notices have been sent out with a deadline of October 31st to have them returned. We received 184 maintenance forms. Citations will be issued to 106 individuals. Court dates will be in December and January. Landowners have 1 month before their court date to come into compliance. If they come into compliance within that month their citation will be cancelled.

Lynda reported that the WCCA (Wisconsin County Code Association) Conference was held in October. Justin, Brad, and Krystal attended and they said it was a good conference.

Lynda reported that Justin and Erik passed their POWTS test, and will be taking the soils test on November 21st.

Approval of 2018 WDACP Budget

The 2018 (WDACP) Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program budget will be the same as it was in 2017. The total budget of \$23,802.00 has been approved in the 2018 County budget. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to approve the 2018 WDACP budget. Motion carried.

Set Commodity Prices for WDACP – Greg Cerven

Greg Cerven provided the current commodity prices for Corn, Soybeans, Alfalfa Hay, Mix Hay and Nursery Trees (Arborvitae Trees).

In 2016, the price of Corn was \$3.32/bu. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to approve the 2017 current market price of \$3.00/bu. Motion carried.

In 2016, the price of Soybeans was \$9.21/bu. Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the 2017 current market price of \$9.07/bu. Motion carried.

In 2016, the price of Alfalfa Hay was \$102/ton. Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 2017 current market price of \$100/ton. Motion carried.

In 2016, the price of Mix Hay was \$67/ton. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the 2017 current price of \$67/ton. Motion carried.

In 2016, the price of Nursery Trees (Arborvitae) were \$22/tree. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the 2017 current price of \$22/tree. Motion carried.

Set 80% Harvest Date for WDACP – Greg Cerven

Greg Cerven asked the committee to set a date as to when they thought that 80% of the crops would be harvested by. Motion by Dale Hood, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to approve December 1, 2017 for the deadline date that 80% of the crops would be harvested. Motion carried.

Southwest Badger RC&D – Wendy Warren

Wendy Warren gave an update of the Southwest Badger RC&D. Had a very successful year with the Beginning Livestock Farmer Mentorship Program, The Forestry Program, and the Aquatic Invasive Species Programs. They launched a fund raising campaign to include corporate sponsors, as well as individuals. They did receive a corporate sponsor for Grant County, TriCor Insurance Company. Working on a marketing study in Grant County to attract more tourism to the region.

County Cost Sharing

Starting balance is \$2,104.58. No Extension or Cancellation Requests.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on 1st year of rye cover crop for Eli Bontrager, Clifton Twp., \$487.50. Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on 1st year of rye cover crop for John and Kristen Adams, Beetown Twp., \$893.75. Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on 1st year of rye cover crop for Joshua Peer, Marion Twp., \$135.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dale Hood to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on 3rd year of rye cover crop for Dan Hershberger, Fennimore Twp., \$264.00. Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on 2nd year of rye cover crop for Rick Clark, Mt. Hope Twp., \$333.50. Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Dave Winkers, Wingville Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Charles Raisbeck, Beetown Twp., \$562.04. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dale Hood 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 Vernon and Carol Ann Kruse, Potosi Twp., \$520.00. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dale Hood to approve Vernon and Carol Ann's request. Motion carried.

Ending Balance: \$1,512.79

SWRM Cost Sharing

2016 DATCP Cost Sharing – Beginning balance is \$2,726.08.

All 2016 practices have been installed. Practices came in under the cost estimate which leaves an underspending of \$2,726.08.

Ending Balance for 2016 DATCP Cost Sharing: \$2,726.08.

2017 DATCP Cost Sharing – Starting Balance: \$8,309.48.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for 2017 DATCP cost sharing on 2 grade stabilization structures for Carl & Beth Abing, Waterloo Twp., \$8,309.48 Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Mark Stead to approve Carl and Beth Abing's request. If any additional funds become available to increase their cost sharing request up to 70%, they will be high priority on the list. Motion carried.

Ending Balance for 2017 DATCP Cost Sharing: \$0.00.

Storage Permit Approval

To Construct:

Lynda reported that Brian and Bonnie Crapp, Mt. Hope Twp., to construct a concrete waste storage facility for 160 heifers and 60 milking cows. Lynda approved the permit on October 10, 2017. Plans were reviewed by Dave Russell, DATCP engineer. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to concur with Lynda's permit approval. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that Willow Mist Corp., Hazel Green Twp., earthen storage facility for 250 dairy. Greg Evans was their engineer, Ralph Hemling, DATCP engineer approved the design. NMP was provided by Southwest Tech. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Grant Loy to approve the permit for Willow Mist Corp. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that Robert Landon, South Lancaster Twp., is abandoning a concrete storage facility 180' x 10' x 8' deep, an old hog pit that was constructed in the early 1980's. Lynda approved the permit at the time of the request. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to concur with Lynda's permit approval. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that John Batko, Liberty Twp., is abandoning an earthen hog facility. Construction plan was done by Randy Chambers, approved by herself. Lynda issued the permit on October 10, 2017. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy to concur with Lynda's permit approval. Motion carried.

Building Lease Approval

Lynda has been working with Ben Wood to review the lease. Ben recommended some changes to be done. Lynda will be working on those changes. Will bring the lease to the December meeting for final approval.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda submitted and received the SWRM Staff and Support Reimbursement grant. Lynda requested \$143,816.58 but only received \$100,014.00. The state is still not fully funding their staffing formula.

Lynda reported that the SAA meeting was held in Fitchburg. Issues that came up during the meeting were; Multi-discharge variance is for municipalities that have waste treatments that are to bring them up to DNR standards. In 2017, the projections for 2018 would be \$1.33. However, in 2019 the projections for Grant County would be \$42,512. At least 65% of those funds have to go toward practices and 35% can go to Staff and Support. Project areas in 2019 would be: Bagley, Blue River, Livingston, and Patch Grove. A Use Value Resolutions came from the Western Area Association. Are looking at a Use Value to utilize Farmland Preservation.

Lynda mentioned that there are going to be WPDES Public Hearings taking place in Grant County. The Timberwolf RE, LLC, hog facility was held on October 30, 2017. There were 21 who testified for or against the hog operation. Mark Stead and Bob Keeney attended the public hearing. Kieler Farms public hearing will be held on November 9, 2017, from 2-4 p.m. at the Mound City Bank in Platteville.

Lynda reported that she is meeting with Kevin Masarik, UW Ext. Stevens Point, to discuss a Community Well Testing Program in Grant County. Picking 2-3 Townships each year to focus on getting landowners to test their wells. We will work with the Townships to do the advertising, plus we will assist to hand out the bottles. We would collect the bottles and deliver them to Stevens Point for testing.

Lynda reported that NRCS Standard 313 update. This is the Standard that we base our Animal Waste Ordinance on. Working with DATCP and WI Land + Water to sort out which standard applies to our Ordinance. May have to amend the Ordinance in the coming months to specify if these pits were approved through this standard.

Lynda reported that she received an email from Matt Honer, SWWRPC. She is on the Hazard Mitigation team. They are going out to communities to see what potential hazards are of concern in their area. This is what makes them eligible for FEMA grants.

Lynda reported that there has been many runoff complaints: Lynda is working with the DNR on the Jason Wachter, manure storage breach. Audrey and David Loy, over grazing along a stream; Stan and Doug Nodolf, over grazing along a stream; Dan Leibfried, over grazing along a stream; Preston Adrian, direct runoff from a feedlot; Lonnie Holthaus, over topping of a manure storage, and Steve Bollant, a manure spill. Working with these landowners to gain compliance.

Lynda reported that she will be attending the Southwest Tech Advisory Meeting on November 13th.

Lynda reported that the County Conservationist meeting will be held on November 30th.

Lean Update

Lynda reported that the Lean project, Facility Dude, is setting January 1, 2018 for implementation. Will meet 3 months afterwards to see how things are going.

She is working with Social Services Lean Project. They will be meeting on Thursday, November 9th to discuss the data that they have gathered.

Lynda is also on the GIS Lean Team. This is postponed due to the Administrators study for Grant County. It was suggested that the GIS employee, Chris, have a back up to access his system. Erik and Justin from our office have volunteered to be the back-ups for an emergency. They have met with Chris and are aware of the passwords, and the file structure. This recommendation of the Executive Committee has been met.

Lynda reported that the Stepping Up Lean Team is finalized. Worked with the process mapping. Lynda and Joyce worked up a Power Point presentation for them to present to the CJCC which is now going to be taking over the Stepping UP project.

FPP Report

Kevin reported that he has a Notice of Noncompliance for Greg, Russ, and Ellen Timmerman, Paris Twp. They have chosen to not do a Nutrient Management Plan. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dale Hood to approve the Notice of Noncompliance. Motion carried.

- On October 18th he helped Green County get ready for the Tri-County Land Judging contest. Those who went to help with the land judging were; Justin, Annette, and himself. There were 12 schools, with 180 students. There were 5 schools in Grant County that participated in the contest. Cassville and Potosi placed 4th and 5th place.
- Completed a couple of Contour Strip jobs.
- Have been working on CREP
- Will be working on the 2018 tree sale order forms. Will have them ready for the December 5th CSZC meeting for approval.

NRCS Report – Joe Schmelz

Joe sent a written report from NRCS. Refer to the attached NRCS Report – November 2017

FSA Report

Nathalie Schattner reported that the FY 2018 CRP has reached the National acreage cap. After April 1, 2018 they can start to take FY 2019 CRP requests. The CREP program is still active.

- The deadline for certification of fall forage is November 15th.
- They still have the MAL (Marketing Assistance Loans) and Farm Service Facility loans still available if anyone is interested in assistance for marketing corn.
- Grant County did not earn an ARC payment for corn and soybeans this year. They did earn some for oats and wheat payments.
- The PLC program did have some payouts.
- If anyone gets the NASS survey from the USDA, farmers in the county should complete it as it directly affects the revenue and prices. Encourage farmers to fill them out if they have been chosen.

RC&D & WLWCA Report – Dale Hood

Nothing to report. Wendy Warren covered his report.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn to December 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen.

(Attachment A)

GRANT COUNTY
CONSERVATION, SANITATION AND ZONING DEPT
150 West Alona Lane, Suite #1, Lancaster, WI 53813 608/723-6377 X4

November 7th, 2017

To the Honorable Grant County Board of Supervisors,

Below you will find proposed changes to the Grant County Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Ordinance that will be brought to County Board for approval on Nov 14, 2017:

1. 3-6.01: Second sentence changed "final plat recording" to "final plat approval"
2. 4-1.02: Corrected reference from "Section 8-2.08" to "Section 7.2.02" -
3. 4-3.00: Corrected the spelling of "Expiration" in heading and removed comma between two (2)
4. 4-4.00(B): Corrected reference from "Section 3-6.00" to "Section 3-7.00"
5. 7-2.00:
 - a. Reworded the paragraph to align more closely to WI Stat 59.694(2)(a), (am) and (c)

The County Board Chairman is hereby directed to appoint a Board of Adjustment according to s. 59.694 Wis. Statute consisting of three (3) members with a staggered three (3) year term and two (2) alternate members with a staggered three (3) year term. The members shall all reside within Grant County and outside of limits of incorporated cities and villages; provided, however, that no two (2) members may reside in the same town. The Board shall choose its own chairman and other officers as may be needed. Term of office shall be for three years (3) beginning July 1. Vacancies shall be filled for the un-expired term of any member whose term becomes vacant.

6. 8-1.00(C): Corrected the spelling of "Lawsuit"
7. 8-1.00(D): Remove this section, due to the fact that the County cannot put a special assessment on piece of property for enforcement

If you have any questions regarding these amendments, I may be reached at 608-723-6377 #120 to discuss the reason behind each change.

Sincerely,



Lynda Schweikert
Administrator, CSZD
Grant County

NRCS Report - November 2017

EQIP

Application deadline is over, it was October 20th

Working on completing the planning on applications for the screening deadline which is December 1, 2017

There will be a second application deadline in the spring of 2018

CSP

Personnel

2017 payments are being processed

Expect to have a 2018 sign up announced in the next few months

Recently announced a Pathways position for a soil conservationist for the summer of 2018. This would be comparable to a summer intern position.