

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 2, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Sheriff's Department Old Board Room
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on May 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. by Dwight Nelson, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman, in the Grant County Sheriff's Department Old Board Room, 1000 N. Adams St., Lancaster.

Board members present: Dwight Nelson, Lester Jantzen, Gary Northouse, Gabe Loeffelholz, and Mike Lieurance. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Justin Johnson, Bob Keeney, and Tony Runde.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing posted an agenda 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, Boscobel Dial, and Bob Middendorf, WGLR.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the May 2, 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the April 4, 2019 Minutes

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to approve the April 4, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the Bills

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

Public Hearing for Rezone

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing

#19-06 Tony J. Runde, Jamestown Twp., is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 026-01349-0000, of +/- .71 ac. from A2 to R3 to allow for the expansion of an existing principal structure.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on March 19, 2019. Tony Runde registered in favor.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: Dwight Nelson asked how you access the home. Off Hwy 35, he has an easement to the home.

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing

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

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda presented the Zoning and Sanitation report. The 2019 totals are within \$500.00 from where we were last year. On schedule with permits. There are still 23 landowners pending citations. In addition to the 23 landowners, we have added several of the outstanding orders for corrections; failing systems with outfall pipes, tanks, and known contamination to citation. There were 2 landowners that plead not guilty to the 3-year maintenance citation, their court date is now scheduled for May 22, 2019. No BOA at this time. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the Zoning and Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing – Starting Balance \$15,942.27/Ending Balance \$15,416.77

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Alan Molzof, Hickory Grove Twp., \$200.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve Alan's request. Motion carried.

Last month Donald Gehrke's well decommissioning cost sharing was denied as the DNR report didn't get filed, and the well was not properly filled. Donald Gehrke is reapplying for county cost sharing.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Donald Gehrke, Fennimore Twp., \$360.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve Donald's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Donald Gehrke, Fennimore Twp., \$325.50. Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve payment. Roll Call: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing

2018 DATCP Cost Sharing – Beginning Balance/Ending Balance \$21,271.75

2019 DATCP Cost Sharing – Beginning Balance/Ending Balance \$7,563.00

Storage Permit Approval

None to report.

DATCP Planning Grant Application

Lynda reported that she has been working with Castle Rock Township to develop an Ag Enterprise Area. This involves amending our Farmland Preservation Map and our Farmland Preservation Ordinance. An AEA would allow landowners in an unzoned township to participate in Farmland Preservation Program. Castle Rock Township discussed the option of zoning but have chosen not to go into zoning. The AEA does not pay them the full \$7.50 per acre, they pay \$5.00 per acre tax credit. This change would utilize the Southwest Regional Planning Commission to amend the maps, and the ordinance. DATCP informed Lynda that there are planning grants available to help cost share 50% of the cost to do the mapping. Lynda has applied for \$4,000 total, so it would be a \$2,000 grant from DATCP. Lynda is applying for all of Castle Rock Township to be included in the AEA. She will be attending the Castle Rock Township meeting on May 14, 2019. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to allow Lynda to apply for the grant. Motion carried.

Revolution Plastics Funding Request

Lynda reported that she received a letter from Revolution Plastics. In 2016 they supplied the farmers with free dumpsters to recycle their ag plastics at no cost. They are now asking the counties to help partially fund the program, beginning September 1, 2019 by providing \$600.00 in funding annually for each farm they service in the county. Grant County currently has 202 farms that participate bringing the total annual request for funding to \$121,200. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to disapprove the Revolution Plastics Funding request. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported that on May 8th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Youth and Ag Building, Senator Vos task force will be coming to Lancaster for clean water. The SWWIG group will be presenting.

The Spring sampling event took place on April 12th & 13th. There were 529 total samples taken for a 24% participation. Grant County had 280 samples taken. No results are in yet.

Lynda reported that she attended the Farmer Led Watershed meeting for Grant County. A group of farmers that are getting together to promote the conservation work that they are doing. Their name is "Grant County Watershed Pride". Their next meeting will be on June 12th at 12:00 p.m. at the Youth and Ag Building.

Lynda reported on the DNR enforcement on Kevin Zart. Kevin has been cited for Notice of Discharge for pumping water out of his manure pit into a creek. Continuing to get complaints on Kevin and will continue to monitor.

Lynda reported that we had our Farmland Preservation Program review completed. This is done every 4 years. All participants are in compliance with the updated Statewide Performance Standards. We have successfully passed the review.

Lynda reported on the budget efforts for conservation support. The County Board passed the resolution for full funding for conservation, increased cost sharing and support for the WGNHS. Lynda also addressed the budget efforts for sanitation. We are requesting the WI Fund to continue and to extend the deadline date of when it is to sunset.

Lynda reported that May 23rd, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. is the next SAA meeting in Madison.

Lynda reported on the 2019 Contribution Agreement for assisting with the Federal EQIP program. We have been approved for \$20,000. These funds will offset the amount that we need to fulfill our portion of the SWIGG study.

Lean Update

Nothing to Report.

FPP Report – Lynda Schweikert

Lynda reported that she has a Notice of Noncompliance for Farmland Preservation for Kevin and Chelsey Zart, Hickory Grove and Mount Ida Twp. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the Notice of Noncompliance. Motion carried.

Lynda reported that the tree sorting is going on with the tree distribution going on tomorrow.

NRCS Report – Joe Schmelz

See attached report.

FSA Report – Nathalie Schattner

No Report

Forestry Report – Brandon Sieck

No Report

Reschedule July Meeting

Lynda reported that the July meeting falls on the 4th of July. Meeting date will be changed to July 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Meeting location to be determined.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn to June 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting location to be determined. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen.

NRCS Report
LCSZD Committee Meeting May 2, 2019

Programs

EQIP:

- Have all 19-1 and 19-2 contracts signed.
- 19-3 currently has a May 17th deadline, Screening/Ranking is June 21st and obligation deadline is July 19th.
 - Currently have 20 applications applying for approximately 1M dollars, the majority of this is for cover crops.

CSP:

- All applicants for 19-1 Renewal will be offered 1-year extensions to their existing contract, awaiting national to complete script for extension modifications
- State office announced a 2019 General CSP signup announcement, application deadline for this is May 10th. Some of the program rules and guidance will be coming out after that date.

Compliance

Our list is set with the exception of adding any possible whistleblower complaints, national is not adding FSA Farm loan participants this year. We currently have 34 on farm reviews to complete. Letters will be mailed May 10th and reviews will begin after Memorial Day.

Personnel

An applicant had been selected, waiting for word from HR on the candidates acceptance.