

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 1, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Grant County Board Room (#264)

Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on October 1, 2019 at 8:30 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, Lester Jantzen, Mike Lieurance, and Gary Northouse. Gabe Loeffelholz was absent. Others present: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Justin Johnson, Kevin Lange, Joe Schmelz, Bob Keeney, Mark Stead, Mathew Honer, Dale Austin, Brittany Bruce, Troy Maggied, and Ben Wood.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to Karla Schwantes and Linda Gebhard to post in the Courthouse in the Administration Building, and on our website, an agenda was sent to Bob Middendorf, WGLR, an agenda was also posted in 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.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve the October 1, 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the September 5, 2019 Minutes

Motion by Gary Northouse seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the September 5, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the Bills

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezone

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing

#19-19 Dale & Violet Austin, Lima Twp., are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 030-00101-0000, of +/- 2.0 ac. from FP to A2 to allow for the use of a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Lima Twp. approved on August 14, 2019.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: Don Austin was present and registered in favor of the rezone, did not speak.

Committee Discussion: None

Dwight Nelson closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance 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.

Motion carried. See Attachment A Worksheet.

Petition #19-20 – Public hearing was cancelled because the Lima Town Board tabled their decision on it.

Non-Metallic Mining Fee Schedule Change

Lynda presented the non-metallic mining fee schedule. There are existing fees for the Plan Review. Lynda is looking to add; Permit Transfer Fees. When permits are transferred, plans require review and amendments to bring the plan into compliance with current conditions, as well as making the plan relevant to the new operator. Permit Transfer Fees will follow the Plan Review Fees Schedule. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve the Permit Transfer Fee. Motion carried.

Zoning and Sanitation Report

Lynda reported that the sanitary citations will be scheduled after the 3-year maintenance second notice deadline of October 31st. Lynda is working with the POWTS Task Force Legislative Package. She is working with many associations to eliminate the June 30, 2021 WI Fund sunset date. There are still many failing septic systems that need to be replaced. They are asking to maintain the 1.6 million funding. Update the eligibility date to systems over 25 years of age. Update income eligibility to a rate based on current years Federal Poverty Rate. Requesting to add 2 additional POWTS review staff at the state level. Will be working with the legislatures on October 10th to try and get this worked in to the water quality task force.

There is a Basics of Zoning Workshop for local planning and zoning officials. This will be held in Platteville at the Public Library, November 6th, 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. Justin and Lynda will be attending the workshop. If anyone else will be attending let Lynda know.

Justin will be attending the October 16-18 WCCA (Wisconsin County Code Administration) Conference.

The Board of Adjustments approved Rebecca Ruff's, setback variance and Joseph Ballagh's, (Red Top Supper Club), Commercial Recreational Facility setback variance.

County Cost Sharing – Starting \$6,023.96/Ending Balance \$6,107.96

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning project for Tom & Linda Parrish, North Lancaster Twp., \$390.00. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve payment. Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning project for Ken & Arlene Peer, Beetown Twp., \$530.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve payment. Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning project for Edward & Cindy Runde, Hickory Grove Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve payment. Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning project for Kurvin Zimmerman, Clifton Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve payment. Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing

2018 DATCP Cost Sharing – Beginning/Ending Balance \$14,172.20

Lynda reported that there is a grassed waterway project for Richard Keene, and a grade stabilization structure for Doug Schauff that still need to be installed yet this year. These projects have been struggling to get installed because of the wet weather that we had all summer.

2019 DATCP Cost Sharing – Beginning Balance \$7,563.00/Ending Balance \$17,563.00

Lynda presented a cancellation request from Mark Schwab, North Lancaster Twp., for a streambank protection project, \$10,000.00. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the cancellation request. Motion carried.

Storage Permit Approval

None to report.

Budget Update

Lynda reported that nothing has changed. Other than there was no increase to insurance. That came to a 7.8% increase for our budget from 2019.

Approval to Fill Vacant Soil Conservationist Position

Kevin Lange has submitted his letter of retirement. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to fill the position once it is vacated. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

Lynda reported on the following meetings.

- September 12th was the Soil Sampling Seminar. There were 5 landowners that attended.
- September 26th was the Grant County Rural Stewardship presentation by Mark Borchardt.
- Lynda attended the Ron Kind Listening session.
- Lynda attended the County Civil Rights Training

Lynda reported that Erik had assisted Iowa County with their FPP spot checks of their county board supervisors.

Continuous Improvement Update

Lynda reported that she has completed several process maps for the Administrator position.

FPP Report

Kevin reported that he has the land judging contest scheduled for October 17th.

Kevin reported that this will be his last meeting as an employee. He expressed his appreciation to the committee for all the past years of support for himself and for the department.

NRCS Report – Joe Schmelz

Joe reported that they don't have any official sign up deadlines for general CSP or for EQIP.

There is an active sign up now for the CSP GCI program. The deadline for those applications is October 25th. This is the CSP portion of the grassland conservation initiative. Those that may be eligible are those that have all of their farm acres from 2009 to 2017 that have not been reported or their acres reported as fallow or grass.

Joe reported that when the national office releases the funds, they can make the payments for CSP on FY2019.

The payment system, protracts, is shutdown right now and will reopen on October 8th.

NRCS may have a pathway student for 2020.

Joe mentioned that the Operational Agreements are still being worked on in the state office. They will soon be called a Memorandum of Understanding in place of the Operational Agreements. Once the MOU's are approved, they will be in place for the next 5 years.

FSA Report – Nathalie Schattner

No Report

Forestry Report – Brandon Sieck

No Report

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded Gary Northouse to adjourn to Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen.

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 9/12/19 Landowner: Dale + Violet Austin

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:

No prime farmland present

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: Per Town Board participation form on 8/14/19

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

No prime farmland soil present.

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

No farm operations present

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

Only 2 acres being split off.

5.4 Non-farm residential development will be directed to existing platted subdivisions and sanitary districts. Yes No N/A

Not a platted subdivision

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

No ag related development being proposed

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: No prime farmland soil present

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

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