

# GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 6, 2020

9:00 a.m.

South Room of Youth & Ag Building and Via Zoom Meeting  
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on August 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Stead, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman in the South Room of the Youth & Ag Building and via Zoom meeting.

Board members present in South room: Mark Stead, Gabe Loeffelholz, Mike Lieurance, Porter Wagner, Lester Jantzen, and Pat Schroeder; via Zoom Gary Northouse. Others present via Zoom: Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Justin Johnson, Joe Schmelz, Robert Keeney, Dale Wiederholt, Wade Moder, Matt Wallrath, and Shane Drinkwater in South room.

## **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, Fennimore Times and Bob Middendorf.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Pat Schroeder seconded by Porter Wagner to approve the August 6, 2020 agenda with the correction of striking the second o in Jamestown in Petition #20-14. Motion carried.

## **Approval of the July 2, 2020 Minutes**

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the July 2, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

## **Review & Accept the Bills**

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to accept the July bills. Motion carried.

## **Public Hearing for Rezones**

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing

#20-14 Dale & Karen Wiederholt, Jamestown Twp., are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 026-01027-0000 of +/- 1.5 ac. from A2 to R1, to allow for the expansion of an existing principal structure (home) by reducing the side property line setback from 30' to 12'.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on July 7, 2020. Dale Wiederholt.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Pat Schroeder to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board. Motion carried.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing

#20-15 John & Tara Donovan, Jamestown Twp., are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 026-00994-0000 of +/- 1.89 ac. from FP to A2, to allow for the use of a nonfarm residence.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on June 9, 2020.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Porter Wagner, 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 Gabe Loeffelholz. Motion carried. See Attachment A Worksheet.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing

#20-16 Darcy Elliot-Wiegel & Matthew Wiegel, Boscobel Twp., are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 006-00335-0030 of +/- 1.06 ac. from R1 to R3 to allow for the expansion of an existing principal structure (home) by reducing the side property line setback from 18' to 12'.

In Favor: Boscobel Twp. approved on July 7, 2020.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: Justin did note that the existing home is 16' to the side property line and they need 18' which will be met by the rezone.

Committee Discussion: None

Mark Stead 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/Sanitation Report**

Lynda reported that year to date there were 174 more maintenance fees that were turned in this year compared to what it was from January to July 2019. Zoning permits were up 32, and Sanitary permits were up 7 from what we had last year.

There were no Sanitary citations. The deadline for the 3-year maintenance is August 31<sup>st</sup>. After August 31<sup>st</sup> a second notice will be mailed out. Any maintenance forms that won't be in by the deadline of the second notice will be going out for citations, along with any septic systems that are currently failing or need additional work.

The Board of Adjustment meeting was held on August 4, 2020. There were 2 cases that appeared before the Board of Adjustment. The first BOA was for Brad & Jessica Brogley. They built an agricultural structure without a permit and too close to the property line. They stated that they went to the Platteville Township and were told that they did not need any permit. After much deliberation the BOA did approve the variance. The second BOA was for Tangled Tippet LLC proposing a driveway within a 75' no build setback along shoreland zoning. After consultation with WI DNR and with no objections the variance was approved.

Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Mike Lieurance to accept the Zoning/Sanitation report. Motion carried.

### **AIS Education, Prevention, & Planning Grant** – Wade Moder

Wade Moder, Executive Director of the Association, with the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association along with Matt Wallrath, Invasive Species Project Coordinator. Wade and Matt have been working together in Grant County for the past year. The Upper Sugar River Watershed is located in the Southwest corner of Dane County. They both work in 9 surrounding WI counties. In February 2019 the Southwest Badger RC&D ceased their operation and some of the grants were still left available. The Upper Sugar River Watershed Association has picked up those grants and they have been able to complete some of those projects. Matt and Wade are working with the monitoring of Clean Boats Clean Waters to help prevent invasive species such as snails, viruses, and plants from coming into the inland waters. They will be working in Cassville, along the Mississippi River. Matt reported that the funding process has changed. In prior years SW Badger RC&D wrote grants to fund their projects. Now the funding process will shift from the current grant funded coordination model to a long-term guaranteed allocation to counties. The funding of \$11,700 budget is proposed for Grant County to continue core services work with the Purple loosestrife biocontrol, Clean Boats Clean Waters, Project RED (Riverine

Early Detection) / Snapshot Day, Aquatic Invasive Species early detection monitoring, and Education, Trainings and Collaborations. The official funding levels will be confirmed in August. There will be no in-kind match required for funding. Lynda fully supports handing over the responsibility for the invasive species to the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association. We don't have the staff to monitor the invasive species. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mike Lieurance to designate the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association to be the county agent for this grant. Motion carried.

**County Cost Sharing** – Starting Balance \$11,445.08/Ending Balance \$3,744.33

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Charles & Karla Oyen, North Potosi Twp., \$560.00, and for Craig & Vickie Humphreys, Ellenboro Twp., \$440.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gabe Loeffelholz to approve both requests. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a manure storage closure for Kevin & Chelsey Zart, Mt. Ida Twp., \$2,857.00. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Porter Wagner to approve Zart's request. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a 1<sup>st</sup> year cover crop for Tim & Patricia Adams, South Lancaster Twp., \$281.25; 1<sup>st</sup> year cover crop for Lonnie & Rochelle Holthaus, Mt. Ida Twp., \$1,000.00; 1<sup>st</sup> year cover crop for Gerard & Theresa Zimmer, Glen Haven Twp., \$562.50; 1<sup>st</sup> year cover crop for Matt Berning, Jamestown Twp., \$1,000.00; and 2nd year cover crop for Darren Katzung, Wyalusing Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve all 5 cover crop requests. Motion carried.

**SWRM Cost Sharing**

**2019 DATCP Cost Sharing** – Beginning/Ending Balance \$19,589.25

**2020 DATCP Cost Sharing** – Beginning Balance \$30,017.82/Ending Balance \$2,637.82

Lynda presented tentative approval request for 2020 DATCP Cost Sharing on a manure storage closure for Zenz Farms LLC, South Lancaster, Twp., \$3,500.00. Motion by Gabe Loeffelholz, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve Zenz's request. Motion carried.

**Storage Permit Approval**

Lynda has a storage closure permit request for Mike Porter, Fennimore Twp., to abandon an earthen & concrete composite storage facility. It was constructed for 300 Holstein heifers until 2013, it has no longer been in use since that time. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve the abandonment permit for Mike. Motion carried.

Lynda has a storage closure permit request for Kevin & Chelsey Zart, Mt. Ida Twp., to abandon an earthen & concrete dairy facility. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the abandonment permit for the Zart's. Motion carried.

**Request to Purchase Vehicle to Replace 2009 F150**

Lynda stated that in the 2020 budget she does have \$30,000 budgeted to replace the 2009 Ford F150. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve Lynda to request bids for the purchase of a new truck. Motion carried.

**CSZD Administrator Report**

Lynda reported that she had 1 meeting scheduled in July and 1 meeting scheduled in August.

- On July 9 – 10<sup>th</sup> – County Con Online Meetings – Meetings were excellent online.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup> – SAA Scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Lynda emailed the tentative 2021 budget to the committee members. Any comments? contact Lynda. The 2021 budget will be on the September agenda for approval.

### **Continuous Improvement Update**

Nothing to report.

### **NRCS Report** – Joe Schmelz

Joe reported that the Statewide Local Workgroup meeting was held virtually on August 5<sup>th</sup>. There were approximately 240 participants attended online. Everyone has the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the online survey for the FY2021 EQIP sign up. The survey is to answer questions to help direct the local workgroup with resource concerns and priorities for 2021 funding.

Joe reported that the FY2020 application period has ended. Funds are still slowly coming in. There were 7 more applications that were approved for funding. Grant County will have 39 EQIP contracts, for \$1.449 million for FY2020. Last year in 2019 there was \$1.7 million spent on EQIP projects. NRCS staff and County staff have all been working on EQIP projects.

Joe reported that the annual certification process for 34 CSP contracts is underway. Joe reported that they have 24 completed with 10 remaining to complete.

Joe reported that CRP is a big workload. There were 124 general CRP sign-ups. Still have 5 CRP tree planting contracts to come back from the foresters. Some of the CRP sites needed to be cleaned up before they could be enrolled under a CRP contract. There has been a lot of interest in CREP. NRCS has inquired in over 55 sites this year. Any CREP renewals need to be completed by August 21<sup>st</sup>. NRCS has completed 54 CRP haying and grazing requests. Offers to hay and graze the CRP acres need to be done by the end of August.

Joe reported that they are in the process of completing the status reviews on expiring FY21 & FY22 CRP contracts. There will be 140 – 150 extra CRP site visits. There are employees from the area office that are assisting with the status reviews.

Joe reported that Josh Bushee our Soil Conservationist will be acting DC in Lafayette County until late November.

Joe reported that Allen Braun, from Vermont, has accepted the NRCS Soil Conservation Technician position. He will be starting sometime in mid-September.

### **FSA Report** – Nathalie Schattner

None

### **Forestry Report** – Brandon Sieck

None.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded Porter Wagner to adjourn to Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting is scheduled for the South Room for Committee Members and the Public participation will be by Zoom only. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen

ATTACHMENT A WORKSHEET

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 7/22/2020 Landowner: John + Tara Donovan

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:

Prime farmland soil present, but development is already 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: According to the Township Participation Form dated 6/9/2020

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 nonfarm development being proposed

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

Portion that was surveyed / split off doesn't include crops or pasture

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

The portion surveyed ~~was~~ is 1.89 acres.

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: Residence has already been established.

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

Porter / Gabe