

# GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 14, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Room #264, County Board Room, Administration Building and Via Zoom Meeting  
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on October 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. by Mark Stead, the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee Chairman in Room #264, County Board Room of the Administration Building and via Zoom meeting.

Board members present in the County Board room: Mark Stead, Mike Lieurance, Porter Wagner, Pat Schroeder, Lester Jantzen, Gary Northouse, and Mark Hoehne. Others present in the County Board room; Lynda Schweikert, Annette Lolwing, Robert Keeney, Shane Drinkwater, Justin Johnson, Travis Kieler, and Kimberly Shird; via Zoom: Lynda Schweikert, Shane Drinkwater, Robert Keeney, Scott Kunkel and Matt Wallrath

## **Certification of Open Meeting Law**

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to Karla Schwantes and Tonya White to post in the Courthouse, in the Administration Building, and on our website. An agenda was also posted in front of the Ag Service Center Building, and was sent to Bob Middendorf, WGLR. Media notices were sent to Karla Schwantes, Tonya White, Herald Independent, Platteville Journal, Muscoda Progressive, Boscobel Dial, Fennimore Times, and Bob Middendorf.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

## **Approval of the September 2, 2021 Minutes**

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the September 2, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

## **Review & Accept the Bills**

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Pat Schroeder to accept the September bills. Motion carried.

## **Public Hearing for Rezones**

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing.

#21-13 Addison Family LLC, Wingville Twp., are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN:062-00288-0000 and 062-00288-0010 of +/- 2.73 ac. from Farmland Preservation to Agricultural-2 to allow for the use of a nonfarm residence.

In Favor: Wingville Twp. approved on September 13, 2021.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: None.

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Gary Northouse 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 Porter Wagner.

Motion carried. See Attachment A Worksheet.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing.

#21-14 Jace Properties LLC, Jamestown Twp., are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 026-00084-0000 and 026-00084-0070 of +/- 2.155 ac. from Light Industrial M-1 to Commercial-2 to allow for the use of long-term storage units.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on September 14, 2021. Scott Kunkel

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: None

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Porter Wagner to recommend approval of the rezone request for Jace Properties LLC to the full County Board, seconded by Lester Jantzen. Motion carried.

Chairman Stead opened the Public Hearing.

#21-15 Joy Obrieht, Jamestown Twp., is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 026-00932-0040 of +/- 2.0 ac. from Agricultural-2 to Light Industrial M-1 to allow for the use of a spray foam business.

In Favor: Jamestown approved on August 10, 2021. Travis Kieler

In Opposition: Marge Callahan called in and has health concerns with the insulation. Justin read an email from Sharon Maas into the record. She has concerns with toxic substances of burning junk cars that have been stored on the property. Sharon has concerns with the additional traffic and parking affecting her right of way to her home and the potential of other industrial zoning being approved. Kimberly Shird spoke in opposition regarding a culvert at the Sandy Hook entrance to their easement that is filled with sediment from previous storms which causes extensive runoff to her yard, she is also concerned with the heavy equipment causing further deterioration to the culvert.

Rebuttal: Travis Kieler stated that his product has no smell, the product is in drums. The drums are taken to the job site. The only smell is when you pull the trigger to spray it in their home. The product is nonflammable and has no smell. The drums will be stored inside the building, and the trucks and trailers will also be parked inside the building. Travis stated that they do have a culvert permit from the township. They plan to add a garage door to the other end of the building so they can back semi's off of Badger Road into the building.

In Interest: Travis Kieler will be purchasing the property.

Committee Discussion: Porter Wagner asked who would be in charge of reporting that culvert to the township.

Justin and Lynda stated that the landowner is responsible.

Mark Stead closed the Public Hearing

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

### **Zoning/Sanitation Report**

Lynda reported that there was an increase of 354 maintenance forms, the sanitary permits are down 17, and the zoning permits are down by 47 from this time last year. In 2020 there were 103 failing citations, in 2021 we are down to 52 failing citations, second citation has been sent. Campbell has a court date on November 15, 2021, and Orth has a court date for December 15, 2021. Both landowners are working toward compliance. There are 20 issues remaining on the 2020 failure to complete their maintenance citation list and have received citations. At the end of October, we will see how many 2021 failure to do maintenance will be on the list. There is a zoning court date pending on October 18, 2021, for Levi Fischer. Ephraim Lapp has 3 citations for building without any permits, Jarret Bauman, floodplain zoning, and Jordan Smith.

There is one Board of Adjustments scheduled for November 2, 2021 for Miller – Shoreland Variance.

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the Zoning/Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

**Invasive Species Update & Possible Action on Agreement: Matt Wallrath**

Matt Wallrath gave a presentation of the breakdown of services, budget, and time that the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association is working on with the Aquatic Invasive Species in Grant County. Grant County will be receiving \$11,723.17 funding in 2022 which goes to the AIS coordinator expense. Matt has been working on the Mississippi River in Cassville to educate people to clean off their boats. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for Upper Sugar River Watershed Association and Grant County (Lake Monitoring and Protection Network for Calendar Year 2022). Motion carried.

**Approval of 2022 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program Budget**

Lynda presented the 2022 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program Budget. There are no changes from 2021. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the 2022 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program Budget. Motion carried.

**Approval of 2022 Tree Sale**

Annette presented a copy of the 2022 Tree Sale Order form and asked for approval to move forward with the 2022 Tree Sale. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Porter Wagner to approve the 2022 Tree Sale Program. Motion carried.

**FPP Ordinance Extension**

Lynda reported that the Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance that allows landowners eligible for the tax credit has a 10-year expiration deadline. The deadline is the end of 2021. Lynda has requested a 2-year extension so she can update the Farmland Preservation Plan along with the Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance next year. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve Lynda's 2-year extension request. Motion carried.

**Revised Budget Approval**

Lynda presented a revised 2022 budget. The only change to the budget was that the Executive Committee voted not to change the single employee health insurance rate. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve the revised 2022 budget. Motion carried.

**County Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$14,653.50 Ending Balance \$13,565.08.**

Lynda presented a cancellation request for county cost sharing on rye cover crop for Bryan Tippett, Hazel Green Twp., \$411.36. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mark Hoehne to approve the cancellation. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for David & Regina Apel, South Potosi Twp., \$607.25. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Porter Wagner to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Todd & Sandy Ehlen, Waterloo Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Hoehne to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a final approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Caroline Shirley, Mt. Ida Twp., \$427.50. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Gary & Chris Stelpflug, South Lancaster Twp., \$800.00. Motion by Mark Hoehne, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve Stelpflug's well decommissioning request. Motion carried.

### **SWRM Cost Sharing:**

**2020 DATCP Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$17,539.05/Ending Balance \$4,780.00

Lynda presented a final approval request for 2020 DATCP cost sharing on a streambank protection project for MD&T Ranch, Castle Rock Twp., \$8,861.44. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Lynda presented a final approval request for 2020 DATCP cost sharing on a stream crossing for Mark Hudson, Ellenboro Twp., \$3,897.61, and final approval request for county cost sharing of \$1,233.03. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Porter Wagner to approve both cost sharing payments. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

**2021 DATCP Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$49,863.00/Ending Balance \$42,122.43

Lynda presented final approval request for 2021 DATCP cost sharing on a grade stabilization structure for Walter Riedl, Cassville Twp., \$7,740.57. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

**2021 MDV Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$27,225.71/Ending Balance \$27,225.71.

None to Report.

### **Storage Permit Approval**

Lynda reported that Tim Walz, Bloomington Twp., has requested a permit to construct a concrete prefab storage facility for 135 cows. Construction was done by Bob Pofahl, REA, approved by Kelly Neitzel, DATCP engineer from Richland County. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve Tim Walz's storage permit. Motion carried.

### **CSZD Administrator Report**

Lynda reported that she had 6 meetings/activities scheduled in September.

- September 9, 2021 – Land Information Plan (Draft)
- September 14, 2021 – Soil Conservationist Interviews – William Kletecka hired on October 12, 2021
- September 15, 2021 – NWQI Planning Meeting – Sinsinawa River Watershed is moving forward
- September 16, 2021 – Sanitary Citations
- September 20, 2021 – NMP meeting w/DATCP
- September 21, 2021 – Meeting with Nathan Tranel, GIS Land Info

### **Continuous Improvement Update**

Lynda reported she has been working with IT and GIS to store the Floodplain Maps online.

### **NRCS Report**

See Attached Written Report

### **FSA Report**

See Attached Written Report

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Porter Wagner to adjourn to Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting is scheduled for Room#264, County Board Room for Committee Members, and the Public participation will be by Zoom only. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 10/14/21 Landowner: Addison Family LLC

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 soil 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: Stated on Township Participation Form on 9/13/21

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

2.73 ac from farm operation being split off from farm

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

More than 600 ac will remain

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

Not a platted subd. and/or sanitary district

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 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 (Circle one)

Gang/Porter

## NRCS Report

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### Programs

#### EQIP:

- Application deadline for 2022 funds is set for Nov 19
- Working on installing contracted practices and processing new applications
- EQIP will be our main work focus for the remainder of the fall

#### CSP:

- o All 2021 payment forms were sent out on Tuesday

CTA: - Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) segments are open for processing. We have 42 segments of 3 points each that we process annually which gathers info on crop rotations and tillage. This helps display national trends for agronomic practices.

### Personnel

- Our Technician position had to be readvertised due to a processing error at OPM. We are awaiting the panel of applicants.
- Karen Giesler our contracted program support specialist is leaving, her last day is Oct 22.

are the FSA updates for October's meeting since I will be in another meeting at the time.

- 1) Tuesday 10/12 a majority of the CRP annual rental payments began showing up in our system to be paid. The office is in the process of working through payments. It does take 1-2 weeks to complete a majority of these payments. If producers do not have their annual rental payment by the beginning of November, they may check in with the office to see if any additional paperwork is needed.
- 2) Agriculture Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) payment rates for **2020** were released last week. ARC/PLC is a crop subsidy program to help offset the markets when prices and/or yields are low in comparison to either the 5 prior years' average or a set reference price. Given the prices for the 2020 marketing year (October 1, 2020 until September 30, 2021), the only payments that triggered for 2020 ARC/PLC were payments on the PLC program for Barley at \$0.20 per base acre and Wheat at \$0.45 per base acre. All of those payments were disbursed to producers around October 6, 2021. Remember that if payments trigger for ARC/PLC, the payments are based on the historical base acres on the farm, not on what is planted. Beginning in January 2022, the office will begin the 2022 program year ARC/PLC sign up and producers will have the option to choose if they would like to be in the ARC or PLC program for 2022.
- 3) Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program had a payment trigger for August. The August margin came in at \$5.25 which mean producers with \$9.50 margin coverage got a \$4.25/cwt payment for the month of August. Those payments were disbursed October 1, 2021. (Note in case asked: the margin looks at the difference between the national average feed cost and national all milk price to determine the payment for the month.)
- 4) Reminder to all that if you banked with Wisconsin Bank & Trust in Lancaster, they are now Community First Bank and the routing number for direct deposit has changed. Any producers who use Community First Bank will need to provide the office with a voided check to update their direct deposit and get payments from our office.

Those are the big things in FSA the last couple weeks!

Have a nice day,

*Emily*

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