

# GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 8, 2022

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 March 8, 2022, 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, Porter Wagner, Lester Jantzen, Gary Northouse, and Pat Schroeder. Via Zoom: Mike Lieurance. Others present in the County Board room; Erik Heagle, Annette Lolwing, Robert Keeney, Shane Drinkwater, Justin Johnson, and Dan Dreessens. via Zoom: Shane Drinkwater, Robert Keeney, Steve Freese, Amanda Degenhardt, and David Timmerman.

## **Certification of Open Meeting Law**

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

## **Approval of Amended Agenda**

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

## **Approval of the February 3, 2022, Minutes**

Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Lester Jantzen to approve the February 2, 2022, minutes by replacing page 5. On page 5, a paragraph was added. Mark Stead thanked Lynda Schweikert for her 24 years of service with Grant County. Motion carried.

## **Review & Accept the Bills**

Motion by Pat Schroder, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the February bills. Motion carried.

## **Zoning/Sanitation Report**

Erik Heagle presented the Sanitation Report. The list of 2020 sanitary failing system citations consists of 20 landowners, 7 in compliance, 2 paid citations, and 11 out of compliance. The 2020 sanitary failing to complete maintenance citations consist of 49 individuals, 8 in compliance, 19 had court hearings, 12 paid their citation, and 10 are still out of compliance. The list of 2021 failure to complete septic system maintenance citations shows that we are getting many landowners in compliance: Out of 75 systems, 47 in compliance, 3 court hearings, and 25 out of compliance. The list of 2021 failing systems consist of 34 remaining, 21 court hearings, 2 paid citations, and 10 still out of compliance. Currently there are 50, 2021, orders for corrections for maintenance forms. The office will be sending out 2,480, 2022, 3-year maintenance forms. There are 223 holding tank maintenance forms that go out every year are also due.

Justin reported that this time last year there were 22 zoning permits issued, this year there were 27 zoning permits issued. There have been 13 zoning citations issued. The court date is March 21, 2022, for those 13 citations.

There are 2 court hearings on February 23, 2022 – one was found guilty by default (no appearance) and the other court hearing is moved to April 20, 2022. The other individual will be applying for a variance 2' into the center of road setback. As of now there are 42 active orders for corrections.

Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Lester Jantzen to accept the Zoning/Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

### **#22-01 Amendment Language Approval**

This amendment #22-01 had been previously brought before the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee on January 6, 2022, and before the Grant County Board of Supervisors. It was tabled at the County Board of Supervisor meeting due to language changes. The amended language was discussed by Steve Freese, Jamestown Twp. Chairman, Justin Johnson, Erik Heagle, and Robert Keeney. The amended language was presented to the committee, asking for approval to take this to the County Board for approval. Motion by Pat Schroder, seconded by Porter Wagner to rescind the previous motion to adopt the approval of the #22-01 ordinance amendment request at the January 6, 2022, CSZC meeting. Motion by Pat Schroder, seconded by Porter Wagner to approve the amended language as presented. Motion carried. See Attachment A for the Amended Language

### **Deer Donation Program - Hidden View Butcher Shop**

Annette reported that there have been numerous complaints on the Hidden View Butcher Shop. We received complaints in February 2016, January 2019, and January 2022, of dirty, bloody, and ripped packaging for the deer donation program. Greg spoke with Brad Koele at the WI DNR office in Madison regarding the complaints that we have received. Brad stated that it is up to the Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Committee to allow Hidden View Butcher Shop to participate in 2022. Brad informed Greg Cerven that he would support whatever decision the committee makes. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Lester Jantzen to not allow Hidden View Butcher Shop to participate in the 2022 Deer Donation Program. Motion carried.

**County Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$34,769.72 Ending Balance \$31,769.72.

Erik presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Kieler Farms, Paris Twp., \$3,300.00. Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve Kieler Farms' request. Motion carried.

### **SWRM Cost Sharing:**

**2021 DATCP Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$18,585.33/Ending Balance \$18,585.33

None to report.

**2022 DATCP Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$60,707.76/Ending Balance \$58,481.76

Erik presented tentative approval request for 2022 DATCP cost sharing on a grade stabilization structure for David Brandt, Jamestown Twp., \$2,226.00. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve Brandt's request. Motion carried.

**2021 MDV Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$67,917.32/Ending Balance \$67,917.32.

None to report.

### **Joint DATCP/DNR NonPoint Source Grant & Annual Report**

Erik reported that the DATCP/DNR NonPoint Source Application is completed every year. This form is what our office submits to the state for funding reimbursement for staff, support, and cost share money. This is the formula that according to statute is supposed to pay; 100% of the first position, 70% of the second position, and 50% of the third position and any additional positions. The total amount that Erik is requesting is \$302,723.00. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve Erik to send the joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant to DATCP. Motion carried.

The 2022 annual work plan is basically our figures that we send to DATCP on calculating numbers for conservation practices and what we are doing in the office. The work plan is broken down into 5 categories: Cropland Practices, Livestock Practices, Water Quality Practices, Forestry Practices, and Landscape-scale survey and/or inventories. Within these categories there are separate conservation practices associated with that category. The Annual Report is how we justify our numbers and workload for DATCP reimbursement. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the annual report as presented. Motion carried.

#### **New Hire for CSZD Administrator Introduction**

Mark Stead, Chairman, introduced Erik Heagle as the new Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Administrator. Erik reported that he has been with the Grant County since August 2014, as a Soil Conservation Technician. He has also helped back up the zoning and sanitation department. He has also helped with the designs and installation of NRCS conservation practices.

#### **New Hire Approval for Soil & Water Conservation Technician**

Mark Stead has already spoke with Human Resources to get the process moving instead of waiting until today. The Soil Conservation Technician has been posted. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Porter Wagner to approve filling the Soil Conservation Technician position. Motion carried.

#### **Storage Permit Approval**

None to report.

#### **CSZD Administrator Report**

Erik reported that Bill and Annette have been working on the tree sale. Our final numbers are 11,000 trees and shrubs with 131 customers. In 2021, there were 11,000 trees and shrubs sold to 121 customers. Tree pick up is still tentatively scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Erik reported that the Farmland Preservation letters will be sent out in April. Bill and Erik will be sending out letters to those landowners who have taken the Farmer Written Nutrient Management classes that are due for their Farmland Preservation spot check. Bill will be doing 120-130 spot checks this year.

#### **Approval for New Computer Purchases**

Erik got together with Shane Drinkwater and some of his staff to purchase new laptops for Erik, Annette, Randy, Bill, and the new hire technician. The county purchases the computers and NRCS IT provides us with the programs and technical assistance that is needed. Erik is asking for \$10,320.95 for 5 computers. Money for the computers will be taken out of the earnest money account. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Lester Jantzen to allow Erik to purchase 5 new laptops for \$10,320.95 including all of the upgrades presented without the keyboards. Motion carried.

#### **Continuous Improvement Update**

Erik had a staff meeting to speak to each employee to see if things are working or if there are things that need to be streamlined. He is still trying to figure out where everything is in his new office. Lynda will be coming to the office on March 18<sup>th</sup> to assist Erik.

Erik reported that his old position, Soil & Water Conservation Technician, is currently posted. There is no closing date posted.

Erik reported that he will be attending the County Board Meeting. Erik is currently the Secretary of Wisconsin Land and Water Technical Committee.

### **NRCS Report:**

Erik presented the NRCS Report for Andy Walsh. Joe Schmelz has accepted the Assistant State Conservationist - Field Operations located in the NRCS Area Office in Richland Center effective February 14, 2022. Andy Walsh, District Conservationist out of Iowa County will be sharing DC duties for both Grant and Iowa Counties for the time being.

A vacancy announcement for a soil conservationist position for Lancaster has been posted and closes on March 8, 2022.

### **FSA Report**

Erik presented the FSA report that was provided by Emily Schildgen.

Programs:

- The office is currently taking sign-ups for the 2022 Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC)/Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program. Producers only have until March 15, 2022, to make their program election and enroll any farms in the program for 2022. The office has called all producers at least twice regarding this deadline in an attempt to help them sign up for the program.
- 2022 Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and the Supplemental DMC program sign up deadlines have been extended until March 25, 2022.
- The Stock Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP) that originally had a deadline of February 25, 2022, was recently extended to April 15, 2022. Remember this program is for producers who sold hogs through a negotiated sale directly to a packing facility from April 16, 2020, through September 1, 2020.
- Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced in May 2021 that they would provide producers with an additional subsidy on their 2021 crop insurance premiums if the producers reported cover crops to FSA by June 15, 2021. RMA has announced that they will again be doing a subsidy for 2022 crop insurance premiums for producers who planted cover crops this winter. RMA has stated that producers would need to have cover only crops reported to FSA by March 15, 2022, to qualify for the subsidy. This is an RMA program and producers would need to contact their crop insurance agent if they have questions on eligibility.

Staffing updates:

- The Farm Loan Team is hiring a Program Technician position. The vacancy closes March 7, 2022. If you know of anyone interested in working in a role supporting the farm loan officers and assisting with loan documents and payments, please have them visit USAJobs to apply or call the Farm Loan Manager Tammy Reynolds with any questions.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Lester Jantzen to adjourn to Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Lester Jantzen

(b) All lots shall abut upon or have irrevocable recorded access to a public road, street, or highway. Abutting lots shall have a frontage as required by this Ordinance but not less than forty (40) feet. All lots or parcels on which a single family residence is built or is to be built shall abut upon or have irrevocable recorded access to a public road, street, or highway. Abutting lots/parcels shall have a frontage as required by this ordinance of not less than forty (40) feet. Such recorded access shall have width of not less than four (4) rods or sixty-six (66) feet unless a narrower recorded access existed prior to the municipality first adopting the Grant County Zoning Ordinance.

(1) If the recorded access is a private road, it shall serve no more than four (4) single family dwellings. If a recorded access is a private road and already serves four (4) single family dwellings, no zoning permits shall be granted for construction of an additional single family dwelling or dwellings until the private road has been converted to a public road pursuant to procedures set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes. A private road shall not serve a multiple family dwelling or dwellings or commercial or industrial structures. All lots or parcels on which a multiple family dwelling, commercial structure, or industrial structure is built or is to be built shall abut upon a public road, street or highway and shall have a frontage of not less than forty (40) feet.

(2) If the private road is located in a Planned Unit Development with a registered homeowner's association, condominium association, private road commission, or the like, that is tasked with the construction, operation, and maintenance of that private road, zoning permits for more than 4 single family dwellings may be granted for construction pending the following criteria;

- i. The road must be constructed to meet township design standards to ensure longevity until the private road has been converted to a public road pursuant to procedures set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes. This road must attach to a public road, street, or highway in Grant County.
- ii. All parties, including township and Grant County, must agree that there is adequate access for emergency vehicles and school buses without undue hardship.
- iii. The private organization will be required to sign a "Private Road Maintenance Agreement" that is filed with the township.