

GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

December 1, 2022

9:00 a.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 December 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. by Gary Northouse, the Conservation, Sanitation, 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: Porter Wagner, Gary Northouse, Joe Mumm, Brian Lucey, Adam Day, and Pat Schroeder. Others present in the County Board room; Erik Heagle, Annette Lolwing, Robert Keeney, Shane Drinkwater, Justin Johnson, Kent Hillery, and Greg Cerven, via Zoom: Shane Drinkwater, eheagle, Grant County Board Room, Tonya White, Toughbook, Wepking, and 1-563-599-3558.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

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

Approval of December 1, 2022, Agenda

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm to approve the agenda with moving Greg Cerven up on the agenda for his report before the Sanitation/Zoning Report. Motion carried.

Approval of the November 3, 2022, Minutes

Motion by Brian Lucey, seconded by Adam Day to approve the November 3, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the Bills

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Brian Lucey to accept the November bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits

Chairman Northouse opened the Public Hearing

#CUP22-015 Kent & Sharon Hillery, Potosi Twp., are requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN: 052-01035-0000 of +/- 6.37 ac., to allow for a lodge home (short term rental) under Section 3.10 (2) (b) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Potosi Twp. approved on September 12, 2022, and Kent Hillery.

In Opposition: Justin received a written statement from Jerome Jantzen mentioning that Kent Hillery's Airbnb is a risk to the neighboring property owners and is not licensed with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Department (DATCP).

Rebuttal: Kent Hillery stated that he has a large amount of insurance to cover the Airbnb and also if anything would happen to the neighboring property. Kent stated that he and the Airbnb approves every renter.

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: None

Chairman Northouse closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Porter Wagner to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Adam Day.

Motion carried.

Wildlife Damage 80% Harvest Date

Greg mentioned that he had done some research and came up with November 1, 2022, when the 2022 harvest was 80% completed. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm to approve November 1, 2022, as the 80% harvest date. Motion carried.

Set Commodity Prices for WDACP

Greg presented the 2021 Commodity Prices vs. the 2022 Commodity Prices. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Porter Wagner to approve the 2022 commodity prices as follows: 2021 corn price was \$5.38/bushel, 2022 was approved for \$6.48/bushel; 2021 soybeans was \$11.68/bushel, 2022 was approved for \$14.02; 2021 alfalfa hay was \$165/ton, 2022 was approved for \$170/ton; 2021 mixed hay price was \$125/ton, 2022 was approved for \$125/ton; 2021 organic beans price was approved for \$19.50/bushel, 2022 was approved for \$31.05/bushel; 2021 organic corn was \$9.00/bushel, 2022 was approved for \$11.72/bushel, 2021 organic hay was \$210/ton, 2022 was approved for \$261.52; 2022 landscape trees were approved for \$350/18-20' tree. Motion carried.

Zoning/Sanitation Report

Erik reported that in 2021 we had 136 sanitary permits and in 2022 we have 132. The second/final notices for the 3-year maintenance forms have been issued. In 2021, there were 260 (9.4%) in 2022 there were 250 (9.8%) second/final notices issued. Erik reported that he still is keeping the end date of the 3-year maintenance first notices for September 30th moving forward. There will no longer be a one-month extension for the plumbers and pumpers to do the 3-year maintenance forms. Since there has been no change on the additional one-month service provider extension, it has been requested to remove that going forward. The end of the installation season is pretty much over with the exception, of a few tanks being installed. Have been busy with Orders for Correction and citations. There were 202 zoning permits through November 29, 2021, and 273 zoning permits in 2022. There were 32 public hearings this time last year and 59 public hearings in 2022. The Griswold trial was on November 10, 2022, he was found guilty. Erik & Justin will be working with Corp Counsel regarding the next steps to resolve the issue. On November 30, 2022, was the Ammon & Mary Lapp trial, a mobile home was placed on the property without a zoning permit. They were found guilty as they didn't show up for court. There is 1 status conference scheduled for December 28, 2022, which has been continued from 4-2-2022, 6-15-2022, 7-13-2022, 9-7-2022, and 10-31-2022. Pled not guilty to apply for a variance. UPDATE: variance application has now been submitted. There were 8 intakes (citations) that took place on November 28, 2022. Dispositions are not yet recorded on CCAP. There are still 2 active orders for correction (including citations that have not been corrected). Justin is working on follow ups for pre and final construction appointments with zoning permit applicants.

BOA meeting To Be Determined. Will have one, possibly two hearings.

Discussion on Wisconsin Badger Camp Letter

The Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning Department received a letter from Nathan Niehaus-Facility Director of the Wisconsin Badger Camp. The CSZD has the Wisconsin Badger Camp property zoned as Farmland Preservation and Nathan feels that it should be labeled as Institutional. The property needs to be Rezoned (\$400) and will also need a Conditional Use Permit (\$300). The Badger Camp has also built a shed without a permit, which constitutes an after the fact permit fee (\$200) for a total of \$900. Nathan feels that because of the use of the land and the operations that are performed there that he is asking for all fees to be waived. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Porter Wagner to wave half of the fees totaling \$450. Motion carried.

Approval to Hire Zoning/Sanitation Technician

Erik reported that the CSZD Technician, Randy Chambers is retiring today after 36 years with the County. Erik is not looking to back fill Randy's position. Erik is looking to hire a Zoning/Sanitation Technician. This is the same wage scale as the Conservation Technician. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Adam Day approved Erik to hire a Zoning/Sanitation Technician. Motion carried.

Approval to Hire Soil Conservationist

Erik reported that Bill Kletecka is leaving on December 15th to go to NRCS. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Joe Mumm approved Erik to hire a Soil Conservationist. Motion carried.

Farmland Preservation Program

Erik reported that Bohemian Gate Acres; Dan, Lois, Barry & Theodore Duha are voluntarily opting out of the Farmland Preservation Program. They put their costs together as to what it would cost to do their nutrient management plan vs. what they receive in tax credits, and it isn't going to balance out. This will be approximately 460.0 acres out of the Farmland Preservation Program.

County Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$13,599.47/Ending Balance \$8,560.03

Erik presented final approval request for county cost sharing for a waste storage closure project for Joe Brandt, Jamestown Twp., \$5,000.00. Motion by Porter Wagner seconded by Adam Day to approve the payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Erik presented final approval request for county cost sharing for a streambank protection project for Kieler Farms Inc, Paris Twp., \$39.44; 2021 DATCP cost sharing \$6,160.13; and 2022 DATCP cost sharing \$7,514.67. Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

SWRM Cost Sharing:

2021 DATCP Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$11,585.33/Ending Balance \$0.00

Erik presented final approval request for 2021 DATCP cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Marty Tollefson, Fennimore, Twp., \$5,425.20. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm to approve the payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

2022 DATCP Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$0.00/Ending Balance \$0.00

2021 MDV Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$0.00/Ending Balance \$0.00

Storage Permit Approval

None to Report

Priority List of Practices

The committee sets the priority list of practices in High, Medium, and Low. Erik suggested making a change to move stream crossing in the low priority to the medium priority list, ranking 3rd so we are able to fund them if there is a resource concern. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Adam Day to approve moving stream crossing from the low priority to the medium priority category 3 in the ranking. Motion carried.

Cost Share Rates

Erik brought forth a few proposed changes to the cost sharing rates. For the conservation cost share policy, we are looking at 2 items that he is proposing to change. Increase maximum payout for bags of bentonite from \$12.50 to \$13.50 per bag. Since 2012, the average cost per bag of bentonite is \$13.19. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Joe Mumm to approve the \$1.00 increase per bag of bentonite to \$13.50 per bag. Motion carried.

Erik proposed an additional cost sharing rate change to the conservation side. Proposing a \$3.00 per hour increase for the manual labor rate from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per hour. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve the \$3.00 increase to \$15.00 per hour for manual labor. Motion carried.

Erik proposed a sanitation fee increase for the reconnect fee from \$100.00 to \$200.00. Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the \$100.00 reconnect fee increase. Motion carried.

Erik proposed a new zoning fee increase for a Navigability Determination for \$250.00. If the zoning technician completes a full-blown determination which includes DNR correspondence, it can take up to a full day's work (including drivetime, site time, and in office time). The goal is to have the landowners obtain a shoreland zoning permit (\$100.00). Some determinations can be completed in-house with a follow up during the pre-construction, that will be no charge. This will be for questionable sites or at the landowner's request. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Brian Lucey to add this new \$250.00 Navigability Determination fee. Motion carried.

CSZD Administrator Report

* County Board Meeting

Other Information:

- Continuing on working on the camper ordinance. No ETA anymore. Hopefully we can bring ideas to committee in January before sending out to townships.
- Currently working with SWWRPC on our FP update. Redid the LESA modeling and brought the target number down from 36 to 30. Nobody can find out why 36 was a target score metric.

Continuous Improvement Update

- Erik has a few DSPS Webinars for POWTS continuing education credits to attend.
- Still working on getting John situated and trained.
- Erik is planning to attend a Zoning leadership workshop in February.

NRCS Report

Erik presented the NRCS Report for Mike Adams. They are currently working with 31 EQIP applications. Applications will be selected for funding in March. They had applications ranging from streambank protection, dams, prescribed grazing, cover crops, and forestry practices. NRCS is finishing up status reviews for expiring CRP 2023 contracts. Will start status reviews for CRP contracts expiring in 2024.

FSA Report

Erik presented the FSA Report for Emily Schildgen. The (DMC) Dairy Margin Coverage Program calendar year 2023 sign up deadline is December 9th. This program works similar to an insurance policy where the producers have a premium fee associated to whatever level of coverage they select. If the margin between the milk price and the national average feed costs per each month is lower than the selected margin costs it triggers a payment. For producers who selected lock-in coverage back in 2018 calendar year 2023 is the last year of lock-in coverage. Producers need to pay the \$100.00 non-refundable administrative fee at the time of sign up and premiums are September 1, 2023. The FSA office will be starting the commodity program sign up ARC/PLC agricultural risk coverage and price loss coverage toward the middle to end of December. This is the crop subsidy program that producers can sign up for each year, payments are contingent to prices for PLC and county average yields for ARC. The sign-up deadline is March 15, 2023, but given the number of producers that they have had sign up and the current staffing they will be starting sign up a little earlier this year. FSA has a couple of open positions.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Adam Day to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Porter Wagner