

# GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION, & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 5, 2023

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 January 5, 2023, 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, Adam Day, Pat Schroeder, and Brian Lucey on Zoom. Others present in the County Board room; Erik Heagle, Annette Lolwing, Robert Keeney, Shane Drinkwater, and Justin Johnson. via Zoom: Shane Drinkwater, eheagle, Shaw, Kayla, Larry VanNatta, Grant County Board Room, Tonya White, Emily Schildgen and Robert Keeney.

## **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 January 5, 2023, Agenda**

Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Joe Mumm to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

## **Approval of the December 1, 2022, Minutes**

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Adam Day to approve the December 1, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

## **Review & Accept the Bills**

Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Adam Day to accept the December bills. Motion carried.

## **Public Hearing for Rezones**

Chairman Northouse opened the Public Hearing

#RZ23-01 Max & Macy Properties LLC, Jamestown Twp., are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 026-00193-0000 of +/- 1.757 ac. from R-1 to C-2 to allow for the continued use of a restaurant & bar (Gooch's Greenhouse).

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on December 6, 2022, and Brian Lucey.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: Justin verified that parcel #026-00193-0000 is on the original zoning map, the 2011 hard copy map and the online GIS map, all the maps have this parcel listed as R-1. For this rezone there will need to be a variance from the 300-foot residential property line setback since this is for the use of a bar, and there will also need to have a Conditional Use Permit established on this parcel. This would not have been included on the 2017 blanket rezone, this rezone only looked at properties that were zoned as Farmland Preservation. Brian Lucey mentioned that they need the rezone to get things lined up to possibly enlarge their kitchen area.

Committee Discussion: Porter Wagner asked about the 300-foot setback. The surrounding homes that are to the North and West that are adjacent to Gooch's Greenhouse are listed as R-1. This is a 300-foot setback to the residential district from the bar use that covers the entire property, which triggers the variance.

Chairman Northouse closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Porter Wagner to recommend approval of the rezone request for Max & Macy Properties LLC, to the full County board, seconded by Pat Schroeder. Brian Lucey abstained. Motion carried.

### **Zoning/Sanitation Report**

Erik reported that in 2022 there were 132 state sanitation permits, 69 new systems and 63 replacements. There are 72 active permits of systems yet to install, 21 active permits from 2021 and 51 from 2022, and there are 4 permits from 2020 that have expired and were never installed. Sanitary permits are good for 2 years. There were around 154 citations issued: 37 previously cited at \$767.50, 27 Orders for Corrections with an 8/31/2022 deadline at \$200.50, and 90, 2022 failure to report maintenance at \$200.50. Currently there are 7 active court hearings that are pushed back till June. There are 55 Orders for Corrections to issue related to the 3-year maintenance reports (forms reported with issues) with a deadline set for 9/29/2023. Currently there are 5 active complaints that they are currently working on.

For Zoning in 2021, there were 128 permits, 2022 there were 271. Public hearings in 2021 were at 32, and for 2022 there were 59. Court matters: Griswold case is currently going through the State Appeals process. There are 2 trials scheduled for 1/23/23 for a barn and pole shed built without permits. There is one status conference scheduled for February 22, 2023 (Griffin) – continued from 4/20, 6/15, 7/13, 9/7, 10/31, and 12/28. Variance application has been submitted, waiting for Jamestown's special meeting minutes to be approved and submitted prior to scheduling a BOA hearing. There are 6 citation intakes scheduled for 2/6/23. There is 1 status conference scheduled for May (Leffler). Court was given misinformation for the defendant. Defendant said the ordinance was being changed. The department is reviewing the fee schedule again. We receive 30-40 permits a year from a few people (contractors) that proactively change the amount of their project cost to avoid fees. The way the cost goes now is \$1.00 per 1,000 up to \$100,000 is a \$100.00 permit fee. If the cost is under \$500 there is no fee charged but they are still required to get a permit. Anything from \$100,000 to \$299,000 is a \$1.00 per \$1,000. When you hit \$300,000 the permit fee is doubled \$2.00 per \$1,000. This is the current zoning fee schedule.

### **Wisconsin Land and Water 2023 Dues**

Erik reported that the Wisconsin Land & Water 2023 dues is \$1,527. These dues are in the 2023 budget.

Erik reported that the Wisconsin Land & Water Conference will be held March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wisconsin Dells. Those who plan to attend: Erik, Annette, John, and the new soil conservationist if hired by then.

### **Farmland Preservation Program**

Erik reported that there will be 8 Notices of Non-Compliance that will be issued. These individuals were spot checked in 2021 and have not turned in a nutrient management plan by 12/30/22. This will make these 8 individuals ineligible to collect tax credit for 2022. This equals to approximately 2,579.06 acres out of Farmland Preservation. Multiple phone calls and letters were sent out as reminders. Landowners can get back in the program. They would need to submit a new NMP and start over with their spot checks.

**County Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$43,055.94/Ending Balance \$43,055.94

### **SWRM Cost Sharing:**

Erik has been in contact with DATCP to have the availability to move money around between cost share years. Erik mentioned that he is not going over any budget or under any budget it is all within the allotted amount of money, it is just allowing the end of year money to be a little more flexible.

**2022 DATCP Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$49,878.72/Ending Balance \$4,931.12

Erik presented final approval request for county cost sharing for a 2 grade stabilization structures for David Brandt, Jamestown Twp., \$1,978.82. David received NRCS EQIP funding to help pay the construction cost. Motion by Adam Day seconded by Porter Wagner 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 grade stabilization structure for Tom & Elaine Majerus, Paris Twp., \$10,538.44. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Joe Mumm 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 grade stabilization structure for Tom & Elaine Majerus, Paris Twp., \$11,977.32. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve the payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Erik presented final approval request for county cost sharing for 2 waste facility closures for Grantland Grain, Potosi Twp., \$3,135.03. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Porter Wagner 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 DL Farm LLC, Hazel Green Twp., \$17,317.99. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Joe Mumm to approve the payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

**2023 DATCP Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$70,000.00/Ending Balance \$52,681.12

Erik presented tentative approval request for 2023 DATCP cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Haines Living Trust, Ellenboro Twp., \$13,500.00. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Joe Mumm to approve Haines's streambank cost sharing request. Motion carried.

Erik presented tentative approval request for 2023 DATCP cost sharing on a streambank protection project for Ann Walter (Kemink), Clifton Twp., \$3,818.88. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Adam Day to approve Ann's streambank cost sharing request. Motion carried.

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

### **Storage Permit Approval**

None to Report

**Clean Sweep Final Numbers:** Erik reported that Grant County had 6,166 lbs. of household waste and 3,800 lbs. of ag waste, disposal cost for both was \$18,157.68. Iowa County had 6,683 lbs. of household waste and 236 lbs. of ag waste, disposal cost for both was \$10,435.36. Lafayette County had 2,378 lbs. of household waste and 0 lbs. of ag waste, disposal cost for both was \$5,754.38. The total reimbursable expenses were \$34,347.42, the total match (in-kind + cash match from the counties) was \$13,076.57, for a total cost of the 2022 Clean Sweep was \$47,423.99. There may be another clean sweep in a couple of years, depending how long the 3 counties can hold the additional grant money if possible.

### **CSZD Administrator Report**

#### Meetings

- SWIGG meeting in Dodgeville on 12/14/22. Iowa County received \$100,000 from ITC funds. Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties are brainstorming ideas on what to do with the funding and continuing discussion on how the 3 counties should proceed.
- Erik had the WL+W Technical committee on 12/15/22. Getting prepared for the WL+W Conference in March.

#### Other Information:

- Continuing to work on the camper ordinance. No ETA anymore.
- Currently working with SWWRPC on our FP update. LESA modeling sent up to DATCP for review. Maps are currently being worked on. Once we get the maps, we will be sending them to the townships to look over and comment. Changes will be made as needed.
- February meeting location needs to be changed due to County Board Room construction. Meeting location

will be in room #266 in the Conference Room next door to the County Board Room. No Zoom will be available for this meeting.

- We received the WI Fund Grant money, 17 applicants for \$97,386.
- Tree sale is going on right now. So far, we have received around 20 order forms. Deadline to order is February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- At the February meeting we will be taking a committee photo for our annual report.
- Erik has 3 interviews scheduled for Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> for the Soil Conservationist position.
- Posters for the student poster contest were judged at the county level at the end of the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Erik's performance review will be in February.
- Erik also got approval from Ashley Hampton to raise the height of the front desk in the office.

### **Continuous Improvement Update**

- On 12/13 there was the monthly DSPS Webinar for POWTS continuing education credits. Next webinar is in January.
- In February, there will be a Zoning training workshop in Wisconsin Dells.

### **NRCS Report**

Erik presented the NRCS Report for Mike Adams.

- Bill Kletecka has started as the new Soil Conservationist.
- EQIP – NRCS continues to work on EQIP applications.
  - \* Ranking deadline is February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - \* Should know if applications were funded sometime in March.
- CRP – CRP Status reviews were halted by the snow and will resume in the Spring
- CSP – CSP Classic Application deadline is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **FSA Report**

Emily Schildgen reported that the Dairy Margin Coverage 2023 sign up is still going on. The deadline for that was December 9<sup>th</sup>, but they did end up extending it to January 31<sup>st</sup>. The November 2022 came out this week and the margin came in at \$10.89, no payments for November.

The ARC/PLC (Ag Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage) program annual sign up is going on at this time. The FSA is short 3 employees. The staff are starting to call the producers to get them in the office to sign up before March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The FSCSC (Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program. This is a program for producers that have specialty crops. This is for fruits and vegetables that have a food safety plan for water testing and the packaging of different fruits and vegetables. This is a program that can help offset the costs of some of those certifications. The deadline to sign up is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Emily reported that she did have a vacancy that closed on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Brian Lucey, seconded by Adam Day to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Porter Wagner