

COMMITTEE MEETING

July 2, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Room #264, Grant County Board Room, Administration Building
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on July 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. by Joe Mumm, the Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning Committee Chairman in Room #264, County Board Room of the Administration Building.

Board members present in the County Board room #264: Joseph Mumm, Brian Lucey, Pat Schroeder, Mark Vosberg, Larry Jerrett, and Adam Day. Gary Northouse excused. Others present in the County Board room; Annette Lolwing, Robert Keeney, Lucas Finley, Brady Bartels, and Shane Drinkwater. Zoom: Grant County Board Room, Robert Keeney, Shane Drinkwater, Mike Adams, and Tonya White.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to the County Clerk's office to post in the Administration Building, Courthouse, and on the county 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 the County Clerk's office, Herald Independent, Platteville Journal, Muscoda Progressive, Boscobel Dial, Fennimore Times, and Bob Middendorf.

Approval of July 2, 2024, Agenda

Motion by Brian Lucey, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the June 6, 2024, Minutes

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the June 6, 2024, minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the Bills

Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Brian Lucey to accept the June bills. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

RZ24-15 Jeffrey A. Danz, Clifton Twp., is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN:012-00685-0000 (pt) +/- 1.15 ac. from FP to A2 to allow for the use of a non-farm residence.

In Favor: Clifton Twp. approved on June 12, 2024.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: None

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Adam Day, 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 Pat Schroeder.

Motion carried. See Attachment A Worksheet.

Zoning/Sanitation Report

Annette presented the Zoning/Sanitation report.

Sanitation – There were 61 sanitation permits issued in 2023, in 2024 there are 59 so far.

Zoning permits last year, 2023, we were sitting at 151, and in 2024 to date we have 131 zoning permits. In 2023, for the month of June, there were 41 zoning permits issued compared to 2024, for the month of June, there were 22 zoning permits issued.

Annette reported that the Zoning and Sanitation report that is handed out every month is for the committee to see how many permits have been issued and how many 3-year maintenance forms have been turned in. It also shows the income balance for the beginning of 2024 to the current date.

Farmland Preservation Program

Brady reported that there are 17 landowners that have failed to turn in a compliant Nutrient Management Plan. C&N Jon-Dee Acres Land LLC, Clifton Twp., Ryan & Audra Kuhls, Clifton Twp., D&S Jon-Dee Acres Land LLC, Clifton Twp., KMOO Jon-Dee Acres Land LLC, Clifton Twp., Kramer Farms LLC, Clifton Twp., John & Sharon Furstenberg, Ellenboro Twp., Judith Koehler, Fennimore & Wingville Twp., Daniel Maier, Fennimore & Liberty Twp., Lawrence & Daniel Kovars, Hickory Grove & Watterstown Twp., Bernard & Elaine Keller, Liberty Twp., South West Liberty Land Company LLC, Liberty Twp., Michael & Sara Williams, Liberty Twp., Ricky Parker, Millville & Patch Grove Twp., Gregory & Marjorie Adkins, Mount Ida Twp., Robert Collins Jr., Mount Ida Twp., Robert Lund, Mount Ida Twp., Patrick & Barbara Kroll, Wingville Twp., and Harry & Chris Kreul, Mount Ida Twp. have voluntarily opted out of the farmland preservation program. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Vosberg to accept the 17 landowners' Notice of Noncompliance, and 1 landowner that voluntarily opted out of the farmland preservation program. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$33,578.62/Ending Balance \$30,721.76

Brady presented final approval request for County cost sharing for a well decommissioning project for Jim & Clarissa Busch, Smelser Twp., \$648.86. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused. Motion carried.

Brady presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on 2 well decommissionings for Steve & Patricia Lopes, Liberty Twp., well#1, \$1,000.00, and for well#2, 800.00. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve Lopes's request. Motion carried.

Brady presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing on a well decommissioning for Mike Nodolf, Lima Twp., \$408.00. Motion by Mark Vosberg, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve Nodolf's request. Motion carried.

2024 DATCP Cost Sharing Requests: Beginning Balance \$64,731.50/Ending Balance \$64,731.50

None

Storage Permit Approval:

None.

CSZD Administrator Report

Meetings

- June 18, 2024 – Lucas attended the County Board Meeting.
- June 26, 2024 – Brady and Steve attended a Construction Inspection Training in Richland Center.
- June 28, 2024 – Brady attended a training at Kevin Wagner's farm in Smelser Twp. for crop diversity and livestock.

We were going to have our new Soil Conservationist, Steve Smith, come to the meeting today, but he is home taking care of a sick child. You will get to meet him next month.

Information

Joe Mumm gave an update on the WI Land+Water state board. He mentioned that he is the alternate on the board.

Annette reported that the 2023 Annual Report is printed and on the desks. The Annual Reports will be sent out in the local newspapers the week of July 8th.

Continuous Improvement

We are continuing our office team meeting in the morning; Robert Keeney also attends when he has a chance.

NRCS Report: Mike Adams

- EQIP
 - There was a 2nd sign up. Only had 1 application come in for a grazing project. As of now it is not funded yet. Let the first round of preapprovals out on last Friday, June 28th. The next sign up for EQIP will be October/November time frame for any applications that were not funded and any new applications.
- CSP
 - Bill has been working on obligating the 5 preapprovals. Obligation deadline is July 19.
- CRP
 - NRCS has some new CRP sign ups and reenrolls that are coming through for sign up 61 & 62
 - Wisconsin Waterfowl Association is still working on status reviews for expiring CRP contracts for 2025 and 2026.
- Human Resources
 - Mark Puett was a Soil Conservationist here, and is now the Resource Conservationist in Elkhorn.
 - Jacob Johnson who currently is an FSA Program Technician in Iowa County, will be starting July 15th to replace Mark. NRCS will be fully staffed.

FSA Report: Emily Schildgen

Joe Mumm read Emily's FSA report.

- 1) COC elections – Nominations are open for LAA 3 which includes the townships of Ellenboro, Lima, Harrison, Platteville, Paris, Smelser, Jamestown, and Hazel Green. We are looking for someone to serve the 3-year term on COC beginning January 1, 2025. To be eligible to run for office, producers must be participating with FSA and be eligible to vote in LAA 3. If you are unsure if you or someone you think would be good is eligible in LAA 3 or not, we do have a list of eligible voters for LAA 3 printed in the waiting area of the office for anyone to review. COC typically meets once a month during normal business hours and meetings are about 2 ½ to 3 ½ hours long depending on the amount of business to review and act upon. Nominations are due by August 1, 2024, with elections happening in November via mail. To obtain a nomination form or find out more information about COC please reach out to the office.
- 2) Crop Reporting – Spring seeded crops and perennial forages, including pastures, have an acreage reporting deadline of July 15, 2024. If you haven't already certified your crops with the office, please get that done in the next week and a half.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Adam Day to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board room. Motion by Mark Vosberg, seconded by Adam Day. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing for Mark Vosberg

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 7/2/24 Landowner: Jeffrey A Danz

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: 1.15 ac in prime farmland currently used as farmland.

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: This +/- 1.15 ac is planned to be used as a non-farm residence.

3. The rezoning is substantially consistent with the Grant County farmland preservation plan policy.

3.1: Non-farm development will be directed to non-agricultural soils or less productive agricultural soils, consistent with the needs of the development. Yes No

3.2 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

3.3 Non-farm development will be encouraged to locate so as to leave a maximum amount of farmland in farmable size parcels. Yes No

3.4 Non-farm residential development will be directed to existing platted subdivisions and sanitary districts. Yes No

3.5 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

4 The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of other protected farmland.

- 4.1 Located in a Farmland preservation zoning district
4.2 Covered by a Farmland Preservation Agreement
4.3 Covered by an agricultural conservation easement
4.4 Otherwise legally protected from nonagricultural development

Yes or No

Explain: +/- 1.15 ac in the rezoned are listed as prime

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