

COMMITTEE MEETING

August 7, 2025

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 August 7, 2025, 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, Larry Jerrett, Pat Schroeder, Adam Day, and Roger Lange. Gary Northouse, Zoom. Others present in the County Board room; Annette Lolwing, Robert Keeney, Adam Reed, Keith Lane, Brady Bartels, Steve Smith, Nate Dreckman, Shane Drinkwater, Lucas Finley, Johnathon Hamann, Tim & Brenda Matthews, and Richard & Marcie Lauterbach. Zoom: Robert Keeney, Tonya White, Mike Adams, Shane Drinkwater, Aaron Welsh, Keith Lane, and Jim Bergles (CSZD).

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, Muscoda Progressive, Boscobel Dial, Fennimore Times, and Bob Middendorf.

Approval of August 7, 2025, Agenda

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Adam Day to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of July 3, 2025, Minutes

Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the July 3, 2025, minutes with a couple of corrections. Correct the county cost share dollar amount for Bev Loy to \$511.50, strike the ~~\$463.05~~. Also, use the individual's last name when referring to Roger. Roger Beach / Roger Lange. Corrections have been made in the minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the July Bills

Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Pat Schroeder to accept the July bills. Motion carried.

NRCS Report – Mike Adams

Mike reported on a few items that NRCS is working on:

- Bill Kletecka has been out certifying CSP practices in the field; some pollinator and tree planting that was done this spring. Getting that certified before the end of the fiscal year which is September 30th.
- EQIP – there were a couple of applications that were preapproved for funding late. Deadline of August 13th to get those obligated.
- CRP – Working on CRP Conservation Plans to get them to FSA before the end of the fiscal year. There are a few CREP contracts coming through as well.

FSA Report – Emily Schildgen

Emily Schildgen provided a written report which was read by Keith Lane.

Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) – Stage 1

This program opened on July 10, 2025. It is for 2023 and 2024 calendar year disaster events that caused in whole or in part a crop loss. Any producer who received an indemnity from their crop insurance in 2023 or

2024 received a mailed application for Stage 1. As with prior iterations of this program, receiving the application doesn't guarantee eligibility. The producer must have experienced one of the qualifying disaster events as listed on Page 2 of the application that caused a crop loss and thus an indemnity from crop insurance. Producers are required to list which qualifying disaster event they experienced. The COC may request additional documentation if they feel it is necessary to determine if the producer experience the listed qualifying disaster event. Producers are required to meeting linkage for this program meaning you must take out crop insurance on the crop you are signing up for the program on for the next 2 available insurance years. The qualifying disaster events are as follows:

- Drought (D2 or higher for 8 consecutive weeks or D3 or higher for any amount of time)
- Tornado
- Floods with the related conditions of silt and debris
- Winter storm with the related conditions of excessive wind and blizzard
- Derecho with the related condition of excessive wind
- Excessive heat
- Excessive moisture
- Freeze
- Hurricanes, wildfires, and smoke exposure (won't see here)

For those that did not get Stage 1 applications, the Secretary of Ag had said in a press release back in March that Stage 2 would be coming for uninsured producers yet this fall. A deadline for both Stage 1 and upcoming Stage 2 will be announced at a later date.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

The office is working through this year's CRP offers to get those interested in proceeding over to NRCS for conservation planning. Melissa and Emily will be going out to completed follow-up checks on covers where the re-enrollment status reviews completed by the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association last year found that the cover may not meet current cover standards and may not be eligible for re-enrollment to see if the producers have gotten the cover cleaned up to now make it eligible or not. These status reviews in the last year or 3 of the contracts were an added requirement about 3 years ago and have caused multiple CRP participants to not be able to re-enroll their current cover due to weeds and/or woody vegetation that have not been maintained during the life of the contract. This is a reminder for producers to ensure they are maintaining their CRP cover in accordance with their contract and to please call the office if you have any questions or concerns about maintaining their cover.

CRP grasslands sign up is open until tomorrow (Friday, August 8). It is a CRP program for grasslands/pasture where you can graze the cover. However, the rental rate average is \$38.00/ac. The pasture needs to have less than 5% tree cover to be eligible, and you must follow an NRCS grazing plan that typically includes rotational grazing practices. Historically, Grant Co does not have many offers for this program. It is a much more common program in the plain states.

Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP)

ECAP deadline is August 15. If you remember, this program came out back in April 2025 with applications pre-filled and mailed to producers based on what was reported as planted crops in 2024. Grant Co only has less than 20 applications that have not been returned. We have sent reminder postcards and emails to those producers and reminded them about the program when they were in for crop reporting this summer. It is up to them whether they want to sign up or not.

Zoning/Sanitation Report

Keith presented the Zoning/Sanitation report.

Sanitation permits: For the month of July 2024, there were 15 sanitary permits issued. There were 78 Sanitary Permits issued year to date. For the month of July 2025, there were 15 sanitary permits issued. For year-to-date there were 75 sanitary permits issued.

Zoning permits: For the month of July 2024, there were 20 zoning permits issued. There were 152 zoning permits issued year-to-date. For the month of July 2025, there were 27 zoning permits issued. For year-to-date there were 180 zoning permits issued.

Public Hearing for Rezones

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

RZ25-14 Matthews Islands LLC, Watterstown Twp. are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 060-00034-0000, 060-00036-0000 and 060-00041-0000 of +/- 229.63 ac. from CFR to A1 to allow for a storage shed.

In Favor: Watterstown Twp. approved on July 8, 2025. Tim & Brenda Matthews.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: Robert Keeney asked if the acreage on the 3 parcels listed are all the parcels on the island? Matthews stated that yes, they are. Roger Lange asked if this was in a floodplain. Lucas stated yes, it is, the whole thing is in floodplain. They need to move out of the CFR zoning before they can address the floodplain issue.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Pat Schroeder to recommend approval of the rezone request to the full County Board, seconded by Gary Northouse. Motion carried.

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

RZ25-15 Good Guy 650 LLC, Jamestown Twp. is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN:026-01361-0000 of +/- 1.38 ac. from A2 to R3 for a planned mobile home park.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on July 8, 2025. Johnathon Hamann.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: Brian Lucey asked if the other 8 acres are already zoned as R3? Lucas responded, yes, they are.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Adam Day to recommend approval of the rezone request to the full County Board, seconded by Brian Lucey. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits

#CUP25-008 Good Guy 650 LLC, Jamestown Twp. is requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:026-01361-0000 and 026-01360-0000 +/- 9.24 ac. to allow for a planned mobile home park under Section 3.10(2)(d) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on July 8, 2025. Johnathon Hamann.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Committee Discussion: None

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Adam Day to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Roger Lange. Motion carried.

#CUP25-009 J&R Ranch Sand Pit LLC, Boscobel Twp. is requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:006-00035-0000 and 006-00032-0000 +/- 71.33 ac. to allow the continued use of nonmetallic mining under Section 3.14 (2)(a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Boscobel Twp. approved on June 3, 2025. Aaron Welsh.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: Richard & Marcie Lauterbach are neighbors to this property and have concerns about the ground water and their well. Aaron Welsh stated that there is no high capacity well on the property that is used for the

Sand Pit. The only water that is used comes from the retention pond within the Sand Pit. Aaron also mentioned that they meet all ground water monitoring requirements with the county and with the state.

Applicant's Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: None

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Pat Schroeder to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Brian Lucey.

Motion carried.

Approve Price to Charge for At-Grade Septic System Plan Review

Jim Bergles stated that the current rate to charge for an At-Grade Septic System Plan Review at the state is \$250.00. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Brian Lucey to set the rate at \$250.00 for the review of an At-Grade Septic System Plan Review. Motion carried.

Rye Cover Crop

Brady Bartels mentioned that there has been some interest in planting wheat as a cover crop especially following soybeans in a rotation. Brady asked the thoughts of making a change to the cover crop policy to include wheat and rye instead of just rye. The producer may harvest rye and wheat. Wheat is typically planted in September and stays on the field until July/August. Mike Adams, NRCS, stated that they have changed the seeding date for rye used to be October 15th, this has been moved to November 1st. Their drilling rate went down to approximately 30 pounds per acre, whereas it used to be 55 pounds per acre. Mike Adams mentioned that NRCS's cover crop program allows it to be harvested as a forage, but you can't take it to grain. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Roger Lange to approve rye and wheat to be planted as a cover crop for county cost sharing following NRCS standards. Motion carried. Pat Schroeder and Joe Mumm abstained from the vote.

MDV Funding – Vote to Participate

Keith mentioned that to apply for the MDV (Multi Discharge Variance) funding he needs a vote from the committee. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Roger Lange to approve Keith to apply for the MDV funding. Motion carried.

Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$33,067.12 / Ending Balance \$28,554.77

Brady presented a final approval request for county cost sharing for a well decommissioning project for Aaron & Kim Maag, Marion Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Adam Day to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Brady presented final approval request for county cost sharing for a well decommissioning project for Joe Jewison, Platteville Twp., \$619.50 for well #1. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Brady presented final approval request for county cost sharing for a well decommissioning project for Joe Jewison, Platteville Twp., \$464.25 for well #2. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve payment. Roll Call: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Brady presented final approval request for county cost sharing for a well decommissioning project for Jeremy Winkers, Wingville Twp., \$517.00. Motion by Pat Schoeder, seconded by Adam Day to approve payment. 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Brady presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing for rye cover crop project for Lane Valley View Farm LLC, Little Grant Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve Lane Valley View Farm LLC's cover crop request. Motion carried.

Brady presented tentative approval request for county cost sharing for rye cover crop project for Tim & Cathy Miller, Mt. Ida Twp., \$911.60. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve the Miller's cover crop request. Motion carried.

Keith mentioned that they may possibly have a producer that may request to sign up for cover crop after the deadline date this year. This is due to a non-point situation that has occurred, manure stacked in a floodplain. Planting cover crops is one of the negotiation points of the conversation.

2025 DATCP Cost Sharing Requests: Beginning Balance \$38,281.56 / Ending Balance before projects were completed 69,763.74.

Brady reported that Nick Leibfried, Harrison Twp., \$7,000.00 additional cost sharing for a stream crossing that was tentatively approved at the May 1, 2025, meeting was not deducted from the ending balance of the 2025 DATCP Cost Sharing. After deducting the \$7,000.00 from the account, it now leaves us with a balance of \$31,281.56.

Brady did mention that he provided to the committee the BEPI (Bank Erosion Potential Index) score sheet for the Faye Pensel pond rip rap site.

FPP Report – Brady Bartels

Brady reported that they will be going over the NMP expectations for 2027

NMP Expectations for 2027

Keith reported that there was an annual in-office review with DATCP which consisted of the NMP protocols that the staff would like to see. Information that came out of that meeting was a letter that was drafted to be sent out to the Nutrient Management Planners referencing the policy that will be in effect starting in 2025. This item will be voted on September 4, 2025, for a committee meeting to wait and see if there are any edits that need to be addressed. Steve Smith mentioned that he spoke with Andrea, DATCP, that they moved the date to have the NMP's submitted by April 15th, instead of June 1st like previously mentioned.

Keith and Steve reported for this year for compliance is still December 31, 2025. The office would still like to have everyone's NMP submitted by December 4th or 5th for anyone that is in noncompliance.

FP Layer Identifying Tax Collecting Parcels

Keith reported that he is working with Tiffany to have a layer that can be turned on and off on parcel explorer that will identify who is claiming the FP tax credits. DATCP also has a type of layer that we are able to use for end of year reporting.

Storage Permit Approval – Brady Bartels

Brady stated that he has one storage permit approval for MJJ Farms. Plans have been reviewed by DATCP staff and have been approved since August. Brady has issued the storage permit. Motion by Adam Day, seconded by Larry Jerrett to concur with Brady issuing the permit. Motion carried.

CSZD Report

Conservation: August overview...

Keith went through a few of the highlights from the August overview notes that were handed out.

1. Keith reported that we have received 2 complaints of manure being stacked in a floodplain. The landowner will be required to remove the pile once he has field space available. He will not be allowed to stack there in the future.
2. Steve mentioned that most of his FP spot checks are in compliance. On occasion he will find that a producer has too many head of livestock grazing for the number of acres of pasture that are available.

3. Received some storm water complaints; Kieler ball diamond. This would be a cost share application of private property that is not in ag.
4. The Grant County Farm is another storm water complaint. Waiting to hear what the County is willing to do, and/or repair or rebuild.
5. Brady and Keith went out to the Tranel property to check on the usage on the small acreage. It was basically a 50/50. An Order for Correction was sent to Josh Tranel for him to change the boundaries to comply with the Farmland Preservation standard of greater than 50% use. Currently he is using his collared cattle for grazing, he will be changing his collar use and he is going to change the land use around the house to make sure that it meets the greater than 50% use on that parcel. He will be completing his zoning application for the chicken coop and for the wind tunnels.

Zoning:

1. Keith discussed the sign that is on 151 in which they needed to have the DOT approval and a permit for that lighted sign that is right along the highway. The landowner's daughter is who the sign is for, for a real estate agent. She went to the DOT, and she decided that the DOT regulations did not apply to her and the DOT issued her a 30-day order for correction, which she ignored. The DOT issued a 60-day order for removal which has also been ignored. The DOT contacted Keith, and he went through the ordinance that shows that she needs to have a permit from DOT for that sign to exist. Keith issued an order for removal. She has contacted Keith, and, in our ordinance, it gives us the ability to go on to the property and remove it at their cost. DOT will not be issuing her a sign permit.

Sanitation:

1. Jim has completed his first at-grade review. Not too many installs because of the wet weather.
2. Keith received a complaint up on Kussmaul Rd. There was a tank located underneath the driveway mysteriously. Landowner was asked if any work had been done and they stated "No". This system has been illegally altered. System can not be used as is.
3. An individual wants to put a 5th residence on a private drive. There is evidence that there are 2 different easements to one of the properties that is not currently being used, and all 4 using a different easement to the properties. Keith will be meeting with Ben Wood to see how those 2 different easements play out. A 5th residence is not allowed by ordinance. The landowner was told he could do a shower and bathroom in the shed but could not make it in living quarters.
4. Keith also included in the packet a listing of all the quarries (nonmetallic mines) in Grant County that Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Council has on their agenda to visit in 2025.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board room.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing