

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 7, 2012
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were Lyle Femrite, Kurt Anderson, Bill Anderson, Kip Bruender, Don Gerrish and Chuck Grams. Planning and Zoning staff member Sara Isebrand was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kurt Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2012 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Gerrish seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Isebrand indicated there was no change to the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 01-12

Andy Walser, Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Landscaping Business in the Agricultural Zoned District in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 26, Decoria Township.

Ms. Isebrand presented the staff report. The applicant was present and had nothing to add. There was no public comment.

Following a brief discussion by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Bruender and seconded by Mr. Bill Anderson to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. The motion carried unanimously.

PC 06-12

Mike Wolff, Request to construct one total confinement swine finishing barn capable of holding 1,050 finishing hogs or 420 Animal Units and to increase the total animal units for the site to 936 animal units. The site is located in the Agricultural Zoned District in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 14, LeRay Township.

Ms. Isebrand presented the staff report. The applicant was present and had nothing to add. There was no public comment.

Following a brief discussion by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Kurt Anderson and seconded by Mr. Bruender to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. The motion carried unanimously.

PC 07-12

John and Ann Vaubel, Request for a conditional use permit to increase the number of animal units at an existing swine operation from 1,422 animal units to 1,712 animal units. No new construction is proposed. Two existing swine nursery barns will be converted to swine finishing barns. The site is located in the Agricultural Zoned District in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 19, Medo Township.

Ms. Isebrand presented the staff report. The applicant was present and had nothing to add. There was no public comment.

Following a brief discussion by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Grams and seconded by Mr. Kurt Anderson to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. The motion carried unanimously.

PC 08-12

Edward Goebel, Request to construct one total confinement swine finishing barn capable of holding 2,400 finishing hogs or 960 Animal Units and is located in the Agricultural Zoned District in the NW 1/4 of Section 10, Vernon Center Township.

Ms. Isebrand presented the staff report. The applicant was present and had nothing to add. There was no public comment.

Following a brief discussion by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Bruender and seconded by Mr. Bill Anderson to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. The motion carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was a brief update of the proceedings at the February 28th County Board of Commissioners meeting in regards to the approval of the zoning ordinance.

There was also discussion of the resignation of Planning Commission member Don Gerrish as this was his last meeting.

6. AJOURNMENT

Mr. Bill Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Gerrish and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date