

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 4, 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, Chuck Grams, Barry Jacques and Perry Wood. Planning and Zoning staff member George Leary was present. Mr. Femrite introduced the new Planning Commission members Mr. Jacques and Mr. Wood and asked them to provide a brief bio.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kurt Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2012 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Grams seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Leary indicated there was no change to the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 09-12

Dan and Cheryl Sodeman, Request for a conditional use permit to transfer a development right from the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 34, LeRay Township to the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 34, LeRay Township.

Mr. Leary 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. Kurt Anderson to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. The motion carried unanimously.

PC 10 -12

MFS Farms & Max Milinkovich, Request for a Conditional Use Permit to install a source separated compost facility located in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 1, Lyra Township. The property is zoned Agricultural.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicants were present.

Paul and Ellen Sombke were present and indicated they were very concerned with dust control. They stated that they had considerable problems with dust while the bridge on Ivy Road was being replaced.

There was considerable discussion regarding dust control between the Planning Commission and the applicants. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bruender and seconded by Mr. Wood to recommend approval of the request to the County Board with the condition that calcium chloride be added to the gravel haul route a minimum of twice per year and a minimum of four times per year in front of the residences along the gravel haul route. The motion carried unanimously.

PC 11-12

Reid and Sheryl Olson, Request to construct one total confinement swine barn at an existing feedlot facility. This will be an increase of 1,200 finishing hog or 480 animal units. The total animal units for the site will be

1,476 animal units. The site is located in the Agricultural Zoned District in parts of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 34, Medo Township.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicants were present and had no comment. 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. Bill Anderson to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. The motion carried unanimously.

PC 12-12

Eric & Rande Baker, Request for a conditional use permit to operate a lawn care business as a Level II Home Occupation. The property is zoned Agricultural and is located the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 17, Decoria Township.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had no comment. There was no public comment.

Mr. Femrite commented on recommended condition number 7. He added that the township had requested that equipment may be stored on the west side of the building.

Mr. Baker asked about the storage of equipment along the west side and the outside storage of their business van.

Mr. Femrite stated that all equipment, including the van must be parked inside the building or along the west side of the building.

Following the discussion, 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 discussion regarding PC 01-12 which was reviewed at the April Planning Commission meeting. The request was from Andy Walser to operate a Landscaping Business in the Agricultural Zoned District. Mr. Femrite stated his concern that after less than one month of operation, the owner is already parking materials and equipment outside and is in violation of the conditions included in the resolution of the conditional use permit.

Mr. Walser stated that the building is still under construction. He added that he will move the items in concern.

6. AJOURNMENT

Mr. Kurt Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Bruender and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date