

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Board of Adjustment
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2014
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Lyle Femrite. Board of Adjustment members present were Lyle Femrite, Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Chuck Grams and Perry Wood. Planning & Zoning staff members Mark Manderfeld, Mike Schulte, Owusua Yamoah and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bill Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2014 meeting of the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Wood seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

BOA 03-14

Terry Peters and Robert Peters - Request for a variance to reduce the required feedlot to dwelling setback from a proposed feedlot to a neighboring residence from 1,500 feet to 1,080 feet to allow for the construction of a new total confinement swine nursery barn capable of housing 2,400 nursery pigs(120 animal units). The site is located in the Agriculture District in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Lyra Township.

Mr. Schulte presented the staff report.

The applicant was present. He indicated they are proposing the barn at this location to separate it from the finishing site that will be constructed across the road and to the north. The purpose of the separation is for added bio-security. He added that his brother will do the nursery barn chores and he will do the finishing barn chores. He also indicated that his parents who are the closest affected neighbors have no issue with the request.

There was no other public comment.

Mr. Bill Anderson stated he had no questions or concerns with the request and made a motion to approve the requested variance without reviewing the findings of fact checklist.

Mr. Wood seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

BOA 04-14

Darrell Anderegg - Request for a variance to reduce the required feedlot to dwelling setback for the proposed expansion of an existing feedlot to a nearby dwelling from 1,500 feet to 670 feet. The request is also to reduce the required feedlot to dwelling setback for the same expansion to another neighboring residence from 1,500 feet to 1,420 feet. The proposed expansion will consist of one additional total confinement swine finishing barn capable of holding 1,250 finishing pigs (500 animal

units) increasing the total animal units for the site to 2,000. The site is located in the Agriculture District in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Le Ray Township.

Mr. Schulte presented the staff report.

The applicants were present and had no comment.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Kurt Anderson asked staff if variances had been approved when the current barns were constructed. Staff was unable to immediately answer Mr. Anderson question.

Mr. Kurt Anderson indicated he is familiar with the site and opined that the request is reasonable. He added that the applicant has demonstrated respect for the neighbors by asking them for their input and has sought approval from the City of Eagle Lake and LeRay Township.

Mr. Kurt Anderson made a motion to approve the requested variance without reviewing the findings of fact checklist.

Mr. Grams seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Board of Adjustment Chair

Board of Adjustment Secretary