

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday February 6, 2013
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were, Bill Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Chuck Grams and Berry Jacques. Planning & Zoning staff members Mark Manderfeld and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bruender made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2012 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Jacques seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Leary indicated there were no changes to the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 02-13

Lime Land Industries LLC. - Request for approval of a conditional use permit to expand an existing agricultural lime stockpiling site. The proposal will increase the size of the site from one acre to approximately three acres. The property is zoned agricultural and is located in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 24, Mapleton Township.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had nothing to add.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bruender indicated staff had provided a thorough report and he appreciated the inclusion of site pictures.

Mr. Femrite asked the applicant how they will prevent mud from accumulating on the road in the fall when it rains.

Lloyd Mitchell, representing Lime Land Industries stated that the driveway tracking pad is located approximately 500 feet from State Hwy 22. In addition, they cannot work in muddy field conditions. Therefore, they will not be hauling when field conditions are not good.

Mr. Femrite asked about stormwater discharge.

Mr. Leary indicated that the applicant's proposal has been to store the stormwater on site.

There was no further discussion.

Mr. Bruender made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PC 03-13

Fischer Family Trust - Request for approval of preliminary and final plats of Fischer Estates, a two lot and one outlot subdivision located in the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Le Ray Township. The property is zoned agricultural.

Mr. Manderfeld presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had nothing to add.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bruender and Mr. Jacques both indicated they had no issue with the request and that the report covered their questions.

Mr. Grams indicated he had no issue with the request.

Mr. Bruender made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. Mr. Grams seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Manderfeld provided the Planning Commission with a brief update of the Shoreland Buffer Initiative. He indicated that the response has been better than what was originally anticipated by staff. He also stated that the program will continue through the end of the year. At that time, the compliance status will be reviewed and a plan for addressing the remaining properties will be reviewed.

6. ADJORNMENT

There was no further business. Mr. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Grams and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date