

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 6, 2013
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, Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Chuck Grams, Berry Jacques and Perry Wood. Planning & Zoning staff members Mark Manderfeld and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Grams made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2013 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Bill Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 05-13

John Vaubel - Request for a conditional use permit to reconfigure three existing swine farrowing barns with concrete manure storage pits into three total confinement swine finishing barns. No new construction is proposed. Once the conversion is complete, the site will accommodate a total of 4,850 finishing pigs or 1,940 animal units (AU's). The existing feedlot is located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 26, Beauford Township.

Mr. Manderfeld presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had nothing to add.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Wood asked for clarification on the minimum parcel size requirement.

Mr. Manderfeld indicated that feedlots with 1,000 or more animal units require a minimum parcel size of 40 acres. Feedlots with less than 1,000 acres require a minimum parcel size of 10 acres.

Mr. Grams indicated he had no questions regarding the proposal.

There was no further discussion.

Bill Anderson made a motion to recommend approval of the request with the recommendations made by staff to the County Board. Mr. Jacques seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PC 07-13

Mark & Rebekah Gregor and Edward Goebel - Request to construct one total confinement swine finishing barn capable of holding 2,400 finishing pigs or 960 Animal Units. The site is located in the Agricultural Zoned District in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 13, Mapleton Township.

Mr. Manderfeld presented the staff report.

The applicants were present and had nothing to add.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bruender indicated the request and report appeared pretty straight forward.

Mr. Manderfeld indicated the proposal is basically the same layout as the applicant proposed in Vernon Center Township one year ago.

There was no further discussion.

Mr. Bruender made a motion to recommend approval of the request with the recommendations made by staff to the County Board. Bill Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Leary advised the Planning Commission of a larger number of items on the agenda already for April. He asked for approval to start the April Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. provided there are no Board of Adjustment items. The Planning Commission was in favor of proposal to start earlier and suggested that all Planning Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. when there are no Board of Adjustment items.

6. ADJORNMENT

There was no further business. Mr. Bruender made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Wood and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date