

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 4, 2015
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kurt Anderson. Planning Commission members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Chuck Grams, Berry Jacques and Perry Wood. County staff members Mark Manderfeld, Mike Schulte, Ben Effa and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2014 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Jacques seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Leary indicated there were no additional items to discuss.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 01-15

Bruce and Gwendolyn McGregor Family Share Trust - Request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct one additional total confinement swine finishing barn capable of housing 1,000 pigs. Said request will utilize a below-barn liquid manure storage area. The proposal will increase the total number of pigs to 4,000 or 1,600 animal units. The site is located in the Agriculture District in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Mapleton Township.

Mr. Schulte presented the staff report.

The applicants were not present.

There was no public comment.

Bill Anderson stated that it appeared that staff had covered everything in the report and he agreed with the conditions recommended by staff. Mr. Anderson continued with a motion to forward a recommendation of approval of the request feedlot expansion to the County Board.

Mr. Jacques seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PC 02-15

Darwin and Monica Bunde - Request for a conditional use permit to construct one total confinement swine finishing barn capable of holding 2,400 finishing pigs. Said request will utilize a below-barn liquid manure storage area. The request is located in the Agriculture District in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Shelby Township.

Mr. Schulte presented the staff report.

The applicants were present and had no comment.

There was no public comment.

Bill Anderson stated he had no questions regarding the proposal. He also commented that it was a well prepared report. Mr. Anderson continued with a motion to forward a recommendation of approval of the request feedlot expansion to the County Board with the conditions recommended by staff.

Mr. Grams seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PC 03-15

Irene Thompson - Request for a Conditional Use Permit to transfer the residential development right from the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33 of Garden City Township to the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, also located in Section 33 of Garden City Township. The property is zoned agricultural and conservation and is located in the shoreland overlay district of the Watonwan River.

Mr. Effa presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had no comment.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Jacques indicated he had no issue with the proposal. Mr. Grams stated he had no questions.

Mr. Wood made a motion to forward a recommendation of approval of the Transfer of Development Rights to the County Board with the one condition recommended by staff.

Bill Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJORNMENT

There was no further business. Mr. Grams made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Jacques and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date