

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday June 1, 2016
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Chuck Grams, Barry Jacques and Joe Smentek. County staff members Aaron Stubbs, Chris Meeks, and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jacques made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2016 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Smentek seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 14-16

David & Marilyn Lynch - Request for review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate one total confinement swine finishing facility capable of holding 1,350 pigs, or 540 Blue Earth County Assigned Animal Units (405 State Assigned Animal Units), to add to the existing feedlot. The proposal will utilize a below-barn liquid manure storage area. The site is zoned Agricultural and is located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, in McPherson Township.

Mr. Meeks presented the staff report.

The applicants were present and had no additional comment. There was no public comment.

Mr. Femrite commented on the thoroughness of the staff report.

Kurt Anderson stated that the applicant has met all of the necessary requirements and proceeded with a motion to forward to the County Board, a recommendation of approval of the request based on the findings presented by staff. Mr. Grams seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

PC 16-16

Chad & Jeremy Wolff - Request for review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate an addition of two barns to the existing total confinement swine finishing facility. The current site is capable of holding 2,100 pigs, or 840 Blue Earth County Assigned Animal Units (630 State Assigned Animal Units), with the expansion doubling the capacity to 4,200 pigs, or 1,680 Blue Earth County Assigned Animal Units (1,260 State Assigned Animal Units). The proposal will utilize below-barn liquid manure storage areas. The building site is zoned Agricultural and is located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, LeRay Township.

Mr. Meeks presented the staff report.

The applicants were present and had no additional comment. There was no public comment.

Mr. Smentek commented on the well prepared staff report. He proceeded with a motion to forward to the County Board, a recommendation of approval of the request based on the findings presented by staff. Mr. Bruender seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

PC 17-16

Aaron and Daniel & Karla Eberhart - Request for review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate one new total confinement swine finishing facility capable of holding 2,400 pigs. The proposal will be in addition to the existing 2,400 head total confinement swine finishing barn on the site, and if completed, the site will have a capacity of 4,800 finishing hogs, or 1,920 County Assigned Animal Units (1,440 State Assigned Animal Units). The proposal will utilize a below-barn liquid manure storage area. The site is zoned Agricultural and is located in the Northern Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Lincoln Township.

Mr. Meeks presented the staff report.

The applicants were present and had no additional comment. There was no public comment.

There was little discussion by the Planning Commission.

Bill Anderson made a motion to forward to the County Board, a recommendation of approval of the request based on the findings presented by staff. Mr. Bruender seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. Mr. Smentek made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Bill Anderson and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date