

**MINUTES**  
**Blue Earth County Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday August 3, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 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, Chris Hedin and George Leary were also present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kurt Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 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 23-16**

**John May** - Request for review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit application to operate a dog kennel. The proposed kennel will accommodate up to ten adult dogs and will on occasion offer litters of puppies for sale. The property is zoned Agricultural and is located in part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 06, Medo Township.

Mr. Stubbs presented the staff report.

Dennis Timms was present and had no additional comment. There was no public comment.

Mr. Femrite commented on the thorough report. There were no other questions or comments from the Commission.

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

**PC 24-16**

**Blue Earth County**, Notice of intention to enact amendments to the Blue Earth County Zoning Ordinance also known as Chapter 24. Proposed amendments will include information related to Section 24-44 Violations, penalties and enforcement provisions. The amendments also contain information related to Section 24-48 Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Stubbs presented the staff report.

Mr. Femrite commended staff on the work that had been done on the project.

Kurt Anderson commented on the amendment workshop and acknowledged his appreciation of the training opportunities provided.

Mr. Femrite commented that the harmony within the county has been very cooperative and is working well.

Kurt Anderson made a motion to forward to the County Board, a recommendation of approval of the amendments. Mr. Jacques seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Review and adoption of By-Laws and Procedures**

Mr. Femrite indicated the format is similar to the Board of Adjustment By-Laws.

Mr. Stubbs advised the Commission that the membership wording had not changed from 5 or 7 to 5 to 7 as requested. He indicated that this was the only change suggested at the workshop. Mr. Stubbs stated the suggested change was reviewed with the County Attorney and an Assistant County Attorney and they advised leaving it as 5 or 7 in an attempt to limit the chances of a tie vote.

There was no public comment and no further discussion by the Planning Commission.

Following the discussion, Mr. Bruender made a motion to forward to the County Board, a recommendation of approval of the By-Laws and Procedures. Mr. Smentek seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business. Kurt Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Smentek and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Planning Commission Chair

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Planning Commission Secretary

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