

MORRISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

September 5, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Morrison County Planning Commission held a public hearing and regular monthly meeting in the Morrison County Government Center Board Room.

Regular Members Present: Brent Lindgren, John Kunelius, Clint Kathrein, Dave Stish and Marvin Trettel

Regular Members Absent: None

Commissioners Present: Bobby Kasper and Mike LeMieur

Commissioners Absent: Greg Blaine, Randy Winscher and Jeff Jelinski

Ex-Officio Members Present: Darrin Welle and Sharon Peterson

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Robert Wall

Other members: Matt LeBlanc

Chairman Clint Kathrein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Clint Kathrein read the opening statement.

- 1. Ron & Darlene Gruber – 7165 Highway 238; Bowlus, MN 56314 – Application for an Interim Use Permit for a Limited Rural Business for a creamery; located in pt of N ½ of NW ¼ of Section 18, Township 127, Range 30, Elmdale Township.**

Darlene Gruber was present

Darrin Welle entered into record Section 604.8 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, Plat Map with the parcel location, Interim Use Permit Application, Interim Use Criteria Questions, two (2) site plans, two (2) aerial photos, staff report, aerial photo showing road access and an aerial photo showing surrounding properties. There were 16 notices sent to neighboring property owners. No comment was received prior to the hearing. Darrin entered the Interim Use Criteria Questions into record.

Brent Lindgren asked about the septic system. Darlene Gruber stated nothing has been done on the septic yet. They will use the septic system very minimally. Clint Kathrein stated they would possibly put a condition on the permit that the septic will need to be checked to see if can handle the waste from the business. Darlene stated they are waiting to see if this permit gets past.

Marvin Trettel asked how many goats are on site? Darlene Gruber stated about 25. Marvin asked if you are only going to process your own or others as well. Darlene stated just ours as of now. Marvin any comment from the Township. Darrin Welle stated none. John Kunelius asked if there is no comment from the Township does this mean they are ok with it. Clint Kathrein stated this is how he looks at it.

Dave Stish stated this seems like a good idea. As long as there are no chemicals going into the septic system you should be fine. Darlene Gruber stated they are planning to have as little waste as possible. Dave stated they could have more animals if they had more land. Darlene stated they are working on this. Dave stated he would like to see a condition that the Feedlot Office come to the site to do an inspection.

Clint Kathrein asked about the hours of operation and employees. Darlene Gruber stated there are no employees and hours are limited. There will be no signs on site. Clint stated there has to be an end date to the interim use permit. Darlene stated as long as she her husband or her nephew own the property. Clint asked if they are going to buy milk from someone else or only use your own. Darlene stated just using their own for now.

Audience Comment: None

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to recommend approval of this request including conditions. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

The application will go in front of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on September 12, 2023.

2. Allen & Diane Herzog – 1792 450th St; Freeport, MN 56331 – Application for a Conditional Use Permit to expand to a Tier II dairy feedlot; located in SE ¼, Section 30, Township 127, Range 31, Elmdale Township.

Allen Herzog & Matt Herzog were present.

Darrin Welle entered into record Section 604.6 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, Plat Map with the parcel location, Conditional Use Permit Application, Conditional Use Criteria Questions, two (2) site plans, three (3) aerial photos, staff report and an aerial photos showing the contiguous parcels. There were 30 notices sent to neighboring property owners. No comment was received prior to the hearing. Darrin entered the Conditional Use Criteria Questions into record.

Clint Kathrein asked how this plan came about. Matt Herzog stated he and his brother have cattle at two sites and what to move the cattle to one site. Want to get a manure pit so we do not have to haul it daily.

Dave Stish asked if they will still have cattle at the other site. Matt Herzog stated they would have young stock at the other site. Dave asked if the other site meets all requirements. Matt stated it did. There is a manure pit on that site.

The board discussed possible conditions.

Matt Herzog stated that the cow portion of the violation can be done by 2024 but the staking slab and manure pit will not.

Clint Kathrein stated there needs to be 522 acres for phosphorus. Matt Herzog stated they do rent some land. Clint asked what the plan was for the manure until the slab gets done. Matt stated stockpile on soil and haul.

Marvin Trettel asked how are is the nearest neighbor. Matt Herzog stated about 1000 feet.

Audience Comment: None

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to recommend approval of this request including condition. The motion was seconded by Brent Lindgren. The vote was all in favor.

The application will go in front of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on September 12, 2023.

The public hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to approve the August 22, 2023 minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by John Kunelius. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence – None

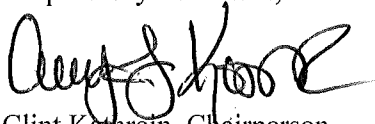
Old Business – None

New Business – None

A motion was made by John Kunelius to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Clint Kathrein. The vote was all in favor.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Kowalzek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Clint Kathrein, Chairperson
Brent Lindgren, Vice-Chairperson
Marvin Trettel, Secretary
Amy Kowalzek, Appointed Secretary
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