

TO: Redwood County Planning Commission

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RE: Planning Commission Hearing on September 28, 2020

A meeting of the Redwood County Planning Commission has been scheduled for Monday, the 28th day of September, 2020, beginning at 1:00 o'clock p.m. in the Board Room of the Redwood County Government Center, 403 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283.

The meeting will involve two (2) public hearings. A brief summary of the subject matter of the hearings is set forth below.

1. Public hearing on Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by David Freeburg.

David Freeburg is proposing to operate a custom butcher shop on his home property located at 10491 Camp Avenue, Walnut Grove, in Section 35 of Springdale Township. He will construct a building in which to house the operation. He will be butchering animals he raises, and selling them in bulk, in quarters, halves, or whole.

The property is located in the Agriculture District. Redwood County Code of Ordinances Section 153.142 states that animal processing business are a Conditional Use in the Agriculture District.

Mr. Freeburg plans to butcher about 30 to 50 head per year.

He will install a sewage holding tank for the building.

The building will be 32' x 48' and 20' tall, with concrete floors.

Mr. Freeburg will offer his product to the public for sale, but this will not be a retail store.

The three nearest dwellings to the project site are as follows: (1) A farm residence owned by the Freeburg family, about 1900 feet north of the site; (2) a farm residence owned by the Larsen Family Living Trust, about 2300 feet south of the site; and (3) Dawn & Kenneth Bass, about 3200 feet north of the site. Additionally, Plum Creek County Park is located about 2000 feet east of the site. Mr. Freeburg's residence is at the site.

An intermittent stream, which is listed on the DNR Protected Water Inventory, is located about 700 feet east of the site.

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There is no county drainage tile or open ditch near the site.

A copy of the Conditional Use Permit application, maps, plans, and proposed permit conditions are enclosed.



2. Public hearing on Application for Extraction Interim Use Permit submitted by Myron Mathiowetz.

Myron Mathiowetz is proposing to excavate clay and gravel material from a line of hills on a farm field he owns on the south side of 300th Street, in Section 25 of Paxton Township. The site is located in the Agricultural District, in which commercial extraction of earthen material is a conditional use.

The property is bordered on the west by County Ditch 64 and on the east by CSAH 13. The extraction site will be five acres in area and will be located in the northwest corner of the property, about 100 feet from the bank of CD 64, and 100 feet from the center line of 300th Street.

Mr. Mathiowetz hopes to extract and sell some material, and reduce the height of the hills to make the property more suitable for farming use. The top soil will be pushed off and reserved for reclamation. At the end of the permit term, all slopes will be flattened to no steeper than 3:1 and the topsoil replaced over the site. The land will then be returned to agricultural use.

The three nearest dwellings to the project site are as follows: (1) Myron & Rebecca Mathiowetz, about 300 feet north of the site; (2) Mark & Roxanne Malacek, about 2800 feet southwest of the site; and (3) Joel Mathiowetz, about 2400 feet northeast of the site. Additionally, Gilfillan/Farmfest is located about one and a half miles south of the site.

The closest public drainage ditch the proposed project site is County Ditch 64, about 100 feet west of the site. The closest county tile is 2400 feet southeast of the site.

Mark Parker contacted the Environmental Office on behalf of the Paxton Township Board of Supervisors. Mr. Parker requested that a condition be placed on Mathiowetz's permit requiring him to enter into and abide by a road maintenance agreement with the Township. Parker stated that he may not be able to attend the public hearing due to harvest. Accordingly, a road maintenance agreement has been included in the proposed conditions.

A copy of the Interim Use Permit application, maps, plans, and proposed permit conditions are enclosed.