


TO: Redwood County Planning Commission

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RE: Planning Commission Hearing on November 30, 2021



A meeting of the Redwood County Planning Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, the 30th day of November, 2021, 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 one (1) public hearing. A brief summary of the subject matter of the hearing is set forth below.

1. Public hearing on Application for Extraction Interim Use Permit submitted by Jeff Schmidt of Schmidt Construction.

Schmidt Construction is seeking to re-permit an existing gravel pit located in Section 23, Delhi Township. The property is owned by Charles & Julie Chmelar. The site was originally permitted in 2011 (CUP # 11-11) for a five-acre extraction area, for a period of ten years. That permit expired on July 1, 2021.

Schmidt Construction is asking for a new 10-year permit, ending July 1, 2031, for a 12-acre extraction site. The 12-acres to be permitted includes the 5-acre original pit, plus 7 additional acres immediately to the east thereof.

The site is located in the Agriculture District, in which mining is an Interim Use.

Mining activity on the site will consist of the extraction, processing, and stockpiling of sand and gravel material. Equipment will be temporarily stored on site. No buildings will be erected or used in the extraction area. An estimated 40,000 yards of material will be extracted.

The site is accessed from CSAH 17, which will be used to haul material out of the site.

Top soil will be pushed off and stockpiled in a berm located on the east side of the extraction site. At the end of the permit term, the extraction area will be reclaimed by flattening all slopes greater than 3:1 and placing the reserved overburden (topsoil) back on the slopes. Natural perennial vegetation including grasses and legumes will be planted. Reclamation will restore natural habitat in the disturbed area, so that it is suitable for wildlife development, including ponds and uplands. Alternately, the site will be returned to agricultural use.

The proposed hours of operation are 7:00 am through 7:00 pm.

The proposed setback from the center of CSAH 7 Street is 572 feet.

The estimated cost of reclamation is \$3,600 per acre.

The closest third-party dwellings to the site are as follows: (1) 36078 CSAH 17, about 1150 feet southwest of the site; (2) 36048 CSAH 17, about 1560 feet southwest of the site; and (3) 36340 CSAH 17, about 1825 feet northwest of the site. Additionally, the Chmelar residence is about 275 feet south of the site.

The closest county tile line to the project is a 22-inch main that is part of the CD 47 system. The main outlets into a ravine about 675 feet north of the extraction site. Land and farms in parts of Section 22, Section 27, section 26, and section 23 are drained through this tile. No open ditch is located on or near the project property.

Soils present on the site include: (1) Dickman sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes; (2) Dickman sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes; and (3) Amiret loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes.

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



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