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### REDWOOD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

#### *MINUTES*

**Meeting Date: September 28, 2021**

A meeting of the Redwood County Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, at the Redwood County Government Center.

The following members of the Redwood County Planning Commission were present: Jeff Huseby, DeVonna Zeug, Mike Scheffler, Mike Kaufenberg, and County Commissioner Jim Salfer. Mark Madsen was absent. Also present were the following individuals: Jason VerSteege and Land Use & Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek.

At 1:00 p.m. the regularly scheduled September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Redwood County Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Huseby.

Chair Huseby then read the Planning Commission rules and procedures. Printed copies were available to the public.

At 1:03 p.m. Chair Huseby called to order a public hearing on Application for Extraction Interim Use Permit #13-21, submitted by Jason VerSteege of Duinick Inc.

Prior to the Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission members were provided an informational packet, which included the following information regarding the matter:

1. Duinick Inc. is proposing to re-permit an existing gravel pit operation, for an additional 10-year period. The gravel pit is located in the E1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4 & W1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 17, Swedes Forest Township, on property owned by Lowell E Gryting Trust No. 1. Its north of 430th Street, between County Hwy 7 and Grandview Avenue, about four miles north of Belview.
2. The site is located in the Agricultural District, in which mining is a Conditional Use.
3. The site was originally permitted in 2002, with 26 acres being permitted for extraction at that time. The site was later re-permitted, in 2011, at 16.4 acres. The date of completion of the 2011 permit was listed as 7/1/2021. Consequently, Duinick Inc. is seeking a new permit to extract 16.4 acres.
4. Mining activity on the site will include extraction, processing, and stockpiling of gravel material. No buildings will be located on site. Overburden will be stripped off the site and stockpiled on the edge of the pit, to provide a screen from public view. A screening unit and crusher will be used to process the gravel material. Mining will start in the north and move south as needed. The crusher will generally be on site 2-8 weeks per year.

5. During the permit term, noise will be controlled by the earthen berm created out of the overburden, as well as by using quality mufflers and keeping equipment in good working order. Dust will be controlled with a water truck as needed.
6. Erosion on the site will be controlled by directing all runoff from the mining operation back into the pit. Care will be taken not to disturb more land than necessary.
7. 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.
8. The proposed hours of operation are 6:00 am through 8:00 pm.
9. The proposed setback from the center of 430th Street is 63 feet.
10. The estimated cost of reclamation is \$20,000.
11. The closest third-party dwellings to the site are as follows: (1) 42529 CSAH 7, about 2300 feet south of the site; (2) 43198 CSAH 7, about 2900 feet west of the site; and (3) 43344 CSAH 7, about 3000 feet northwest of the site. Additionally, a former farm site now used as a hunting property is located about 1700 feet south of the site, and a building site owned by the Lowell E Gryting Trust No. 1 is located 900 feet east of the site.
12. Three other gravel pits are located within a mile of the site. Compared to the proposed gravel pit, a larger pit is located  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile north of the site, a similar-sized pit is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of the site, and a smaller pit is located  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile southeast of the site.
13. No county tile or open ditch is located on or near the project property.
14. Soils present on the site include: (1) Grogan loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes; (2) Rock outcrop-Copaston complex, 2 to 40 percent slopes; and (3) Oshawa variant stony clay loam.
15. The site is about 450 feet south of an un-named protected wetland. It's also about 3900 feet west of the Minnesota River.
16. A copy of the Conditional Use Permit application, maps, plans, and proposed permit conditions are enclosed.

Jason VerSteege was present at the meeting to explain the project. He made the following statements to the Commission:

- This permit is for an existing gravel pit called the Gryting South pit.
- It was originally permitted by Lowell Gryting, who has passed away. It is now owned by Gryting's estate and is controlled by Blair Hanscomb.
- The pit has been in use for 20 years.
- Duininck wants to continue to mine, process, and store gravel in the pit.
- There is still gravel available within the previously permitted area.
- The gravel will be mined from 5 to 20 feet deep. The mining will reduce the elevation of a gravel hill to at or below the water level, depending on the location of the bedrock and hardpan.
- The same mining process will be used as has been for the last 20 years.
- Duininck will use a water truck for dust control on the haul road as needed.

- The area has a sparse population and no close neighbors, so noise has not been an issue.
- Berms and stockpiled material will be kept in a low area to the south of the active pit, which will provide screening from the road and other properties.
- Erosion and storm water control will be conducted per the site's NPDES permit.
- The area will be reclaimed to 3:1 slopes, reserved topsoil will be placed over the site, and natural vegetation planted.
- Duininck will flatten the mined areas during excavation to minimize erosion and maximize safety.
- Sometimes people trespass in the pit, so they want it to be safe at all times.
- Duininck is requesting a 10-year permit.
- Material will be hauled by Duininck or by others.
- Material is usually excavated every few years over a period of several weeks and is stockpiled for later use.

The Planning Commissioners asked if VerSteeg had reviewed the proposed conditions and whether he agreed with them. VerSteeg looked them over said they look fine.

Chair Huseby asked if anyone was present to speak in support of the project. No one came forward.

Chair Huseby asked if anyone was present to speak in opposition to the project. No one came forward.

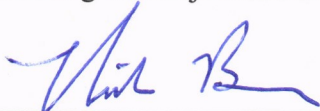
Chair Huseby closed the public meeting at 1:14 p.m. He then asked Brozek to lead the Commission through the Findings of Fact worksheet, which the Commissioners discussed.

Zeug made a motion to approve Application for Extraction Interim Use Permit #13-21. The motion was seconded by Scheffler and passed unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the minutes from the August 31, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.

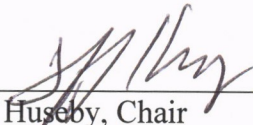
Zeug made a motion to approve the August 31, 2021 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Kaufenberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Scheffler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Zeug, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.




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Nick Brozek  
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Jeff Huseby, Chair  
Redwood County Planning Commission