

TO: Redwood County Planning Commission

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RE: Planning Commission Hearing on May 3, 2022



A meeting of the Redwood County Planning Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, 2022, beginning at 2:00 o'clock p.m. in the Learning Center 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 Duinick Inc.

Duinick Inc. is seeking to re-permit an existing gravel pit located in Section 5, Delhi Township. The previous permit for the site is expired and Duinick still has a sizeable stockpile of material there. The current application seeks to permit the same 15-acre extraction area for an additional 10 years.

The site was formerly owned by the Zimmerli family and is still owned by Zimmerli heirs, Ryan and Megan Robinson.

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 gravel and aggregate material. Equipment will be stored on site. No buildings will be erected or used in the extraction area.

Earthen berms were constructed around the mining area during previous mining operations. The berms will screen the operations from neighboring properties.

No water will be used for washing on the site. All surface water drainage will be directed into the bottom of the pit where it will infiltrate into the ground.

Water will be applied to the haul route as needed to reduce dust. High quality mufflers will reduce equipment noise.

The site is accessed from 395th Street, which will be used to haul material out to CSAH 6, which is ½ of a mile west of the site. 395th Street is a ½ mile long dead-end road used to access agricultural properties in Section 5, including two rural farm sites, one of which is owned by the Zimmerli family, where the Robinsons reside.



The proposed hours of operation are 6:00 am through 8:00 pm.

Per ordinance, the minimum reclamation bond for a 15-acre site is \$30,000.

The closest third-party dwellings to the site are as follows: (1) 40091 CSAH 6, about 980 feet north of the site; (2) 28502 395th Street, about 2230 feet south of the site; and (3) 2370 400th Street, about 2370 feet northwest of the site. Additionally, the Robinson residence is about 550 feet east of the site.

The site is about 3800 feet from the Minnesota River. However, it is not in the Shoreland or Floodplain District.

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

Soils present on the site are Estherville sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes; Wadena loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes; and Estherville sandy loam 0 to 2 percent slopes.

At the end of the permit term, the site will be reclaimed to grassland and pond. The pit will be graded to no steeper than 3:1 slope. A minimum of 4" of topsoil will be placed over the disturbed areas. The site will then be seeded with a grass seed mix from the DNR Handbook for Reclaiming Gravel Pits.

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