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REDWOOD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Meeting Date: July 25th, 2023

A meeting of the Redwood County Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, the 25th day of July, 2023, at the Redwood County Government Center.

The following members of the Redwood County Planning Commission were present: Mike Kaufenberg, Mark Madsen, DeVonna Zeug, Jeff Huseby, Ed Carter, and County Commissioner David Forkrud. Mike Scheffler was absent. Also present were the following individuals: Jim Salfer, Glen Schroepfer, Pat Schroepfer, Jay Murphy, Jason Versteeg, Trent Mattison, Brent Lowagie, Land Use Supervisor Jeanette Pidde, and Environmental Director Nick Brozek.

At 1:00 p.m. the July 25th, 2023, Redwood County Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Kaufenberg.

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

At 1:04 p.m. Chair Kaufenberg called to order a public hearing on Application for Animal Confinement Feedlot Conditional Use Permit #6-23, submitted by Trent Mattison of Mattison & Sons Livestock.

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

1. Trent Mattison is requesting to construct a new cattle finishing feedlot on property located in Johnsonville Township Section 36. The proposed site is located on the north side of 160th Street, about 1/4 of a mile west of CSAH 7.
2. The facility will include a 500-foot by 50-foot mono-slope partial confinement barn facing a 500-foot by 86-foot open lot. The open lot will be divided into five pens, each holding 170 head for a total of 850 head in the barn and pens. A 250-foot by 100-foot stand-alone (not connected to a barn) open lot will also be constructed. The lot will have two pens, with each pen holding 70 head, for a total of 140 head in the lot. The combined total head on the site will be 990 (990 animal units). Finally, a 112-foot by 40-foot commodity shed will also be constructed.
3. Manure pack storage will be utilized during the winter. In the spring and summer, temporary field stockpiles will be used to store the manure.

- Mattison is seeking a water/well appropriations permit from the Minnesota Department of Health

Brent Louwagie, an engineer for Central Crop Consulting was also in attendance to explain the project. He made the following statements to the Commission:

- He explained the water runoff map included in the original packet of information
- MPCA wants the project to have an index of zero (zero discharge of water runoff)
- To accomplish zero discharge of runoff, they will need to construct settling basins (for solids) and infiltration basins (to catch water). The tile located on the property will be for storm water only

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

Chair Kaufenberg asked if anyone was present to speak in opposition to the project. Glen Schroepfer and Pat Schroepfer raised concerns about the location of the manure pile and possible runoff into fields that they farm, which could kill their crop. They were also concerned about the open portion of the feedlot, and that rainfall could cause manure runoff.

Louwagie responded that:

- There would no longer be an issue of runoff, because the MPCA was requiring them to go to zero discharge.
- Water from the open lot will go to a settling basin – possibility of a clay-lined lagoon with a 12 month holding period
- Open air at the cattle lot is required by the cattle owner due to the type of beef requirements

Jay Murphy responded that:

- Location of manure piles can be flagged. Regulations for stockpiling require that they be moved around.

The Planning Commissioners made the following comments:

- Earthen-basin lagoons have historically not been allowed in Redwood County.
- How will dead animals be handled?

Mattison responded to the Planning Commissioners' comments and questions as follows:

- They will have a cement pad for dead animals that is not visible from the road. They will call the rendering truck and have the animals taken away. They don't want them around for any period of time.

Chair Kaufenberg then closed the public meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Chair Kaufenberg directed Brozek to lead the Commissioners through the Findings of Fact Worksheet. The Planning Commissioners discussed the factors.

Madsen made a motion to approve Application for Conditional Use Permit #6-23 subject to the conditions proposed by staff. The motion was seconded by Zeug and passed unanimously.

At 2:18 pm Chair Kaufenberg called to order a public hearing on Application for Interim Extraction Conditional Use Permit #8-23 submitted by Duininck, Inc., o/b/o landowner Donna Munsell.

- Duininck would like to operate a portable asphalt plant south of Franklin for work being done in Renville County
- They propose to operate the plant for one year (one construction season) and then move the plant
- They have received the proper storm water/air emissions permit from the state
- Their tanks for above-ground storage meet MPCA standards

The Planning Commissioners made the following comments:

- Would this be just for this season?
- How long does it take to set up the plant?

Vansteeg responded to the Planning Commissioners' comments and questions as follows:

- Yes. It would be just for this construction season.
- It takes a couple of days to set up.
- They are not anticipating stockpiles from the plant to remain on site, even though it is a part of the permit request.

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

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

Chair Kaufenberg then closed the public meeting at 2:25 pm.

Chair Kaufenberg directed Brozek to lead the Commissioners through the Findings of Fact Worksheet. The Planning Commissioners discussed the factors.

Zeug made a motion to approve Application for Conditional Use Permit #8-23 subject to the conditions proposed by staff. The motion was seconded by Huseby and passed unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the minutes from the June 27th, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.

Madsen made a motion to approve the June 27th, 2023, Planning Commission minutes. Zeug seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Carter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Zeug, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.



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Mike Kaufenberg, Chair
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