

REDWOOD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 31, 2023



A meeting of the Redwood County Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, the 31st day of October, 2023, at the Redwood County Government Center.

The following members of the Redwood County Planning Commission were present: Mike Kaufenberg, Jeff Huseby, Ed Carter, and County Commissioner Dave Forkrud. Also present were the following individuals: Ryan Wurtz, David Wurtz, Clarence Jr. Wurtz, Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme, and Environmental Director Nick Brozek.

At 1:00 p.m. the October 31st, 2023, Redwood County Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Kaufenberg.

Briana Mumme presented a proposed Redwood County Housing Study for informational purposes.

Chair Kaufenberg referred to the Planning Commission rules and procedures formerly read at the previous Hutterite Brethren meeting. Printed copies were available to the public.

At 1:27 p.m. Chair Kaufenberg called to order a public hearing on Application for Conditional Use Permit #11-23, submitted by Clarence Jr. Wurtz on behalf of Rosewood Hutterite Brethren 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. The Rosewood Hutterian Brethren are seeking to build a home, in addition to the four existing homes, in an area on their property in Redwood County described as the Northwest Quarter lying north of the railroad, except .35-acre tract in the northeast corner, 112.15 acres, more or less. Redwood County Code of Ordinances limits the number of houses on an agricultural property to two, unless a Conditional Use Permit is applied for and granted.
2. They plan to use the 5 total homes located in the project area as temporary housing while construction of the dwellings permitted under CUP No. 1-23 is underway.
3. An existing septic system serves the four existing homes, and the fifth home would need to be added to the system.
4. A 14-inch county drain tile line runs through the property. It is part of County Ditch 70. The tile starts half a mile west of the site, north of US Hwy 14, and runs southeasterly for just under two miles, until it outlets into a ravine that drains into the Cottonwood River. A 100-foot setback is required between county tile lines and buildings or structures.
5. A copy of the application, maps, and plans were enclosed.

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Clarence Jr. Wurtz was in attendance to present the project to the Planning Commission. He made the following statements to the Commission:

- He is the president of the Rosewood colony.
- There will be 5 houses, 4 of which will be temporary.
- The 5th house would be temporary housing. It will be placed on a slab.

The Planning Commissioners made the following comments:

- Will the septic system be large enough to handle the additional house?

Brozek responded that:

- A waiver would be provided on the bedroom number if necessary; a modern septic system was installed in the early 2000s.

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 1:34 p.m.

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

Carter made a motion to approve Application for Conditional Use Permit #11-23 subject to the conditions proposed by staff. The motion was seconded by Huseby and passed unanimously.

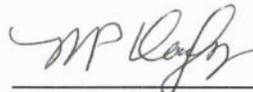
The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the minutes from the September 26th, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.

Carter made a motion to approve the September 26th, 2023, Planning Commission minutes. Huseby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Following a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



Nick Brozek
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Mike Kaufenberg, Chair
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