

TO: Redwood County Board of Adjustment
FROM: Jeanette Pidde *JP*
Land Use & Zoning Supervisor
Redwood County Environmental Office

DATE: February 14, 2024

RE: Public Hearing on *Application for Variance* by Joshua Gewerth – setback for on-site septic system from ordinary high water mark



Joshua Gewerth is proposing to replace his existing, non-compliant septic system with a new system to serve his house located at 42668 300th St, Morton. The property is a 7.48-acre tract located in the North Half of the Northeast Quarter, Section 28, Township 112, Range 34, Sherman Township. The full legal description is enclosed.

The house is located approximately 95 feet north of an unnamed stream. The house is an existing, nonconforming structure. The current septic system is a pipe to the stream.

As proposed by the septic designer, the new septic tank will be approximately 118 feet from the stream, and the mound will be approximately 135 feet from the stream. There is a 150-foot setback requirement of on-site septic systems from the ordinary high water mark of the stream. Consequently, Mr. Gewerth is requesting a variance of at least 32 feet from the setback requirement.

The septic designer took into consideration the location of Mr. Gewerth's house, well, driveway area, outbuildings, soils, land contours, and grove in his determination of the best location for the new septic system. Cost and practicality of locating the system further from the stream were also considered.

Pursuant to Redwood County Ordinance, written notice shall be provided to all property owners of record within five hundred (500) feet of the affected property via U.S. Mail as to the time and place of the public hearing. Further, written notice shall also be provided to the affected board of township supervisors and the municipal council of any municipality within two (2) miles of the affected property.

cc: Joshua Gewerth

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