

MINUTES

**Blue Earth County Board of Adjustment
Regular Meeting Wednesday October 4, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Chairman Lyle Femrite. Board of Adjustment members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Lyle Femrite, Barry Jacques and Joe Smentek. Planning & Zoning staff members Aaron Stubbs, Garrett Rohlring, and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Leary indicated there was no change to the agenda.

3. NEW BUSINESS

BOA 13-17

Jeffrey & Debra Henry - Request for review and approval of a variance to decrease the required side yard setback from 50 feet to 40 feet, and to increase the allowed primary dwelling setback from 150 feet to 175 feet for the purpose of constructing an elder care dwelling. The property is zoned Agricultural and is located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Decoria Township.

Mr. Rohlring presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had no comment. There was no public comment.

Mr. Femrite commented that it was a fairly straight forward request. He added that eldercare is a necessary feature in the county.

Mr. Kurt Anderson concurred that it is a reasonable request. He added that there is an expectation that once the eldercare is no longer needed, that the structure will be converted over exclusively to a utility shed. Mr. Anderson continued with a motion to approve the request with the findings proposed by staff.

Mr. Smentek seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smentek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jacques seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Board of Adjustment Chair

Board of Adjustment Secretary