

MINUTES

Blue Earth County Board of Adjustment

Regular Meeting Wednesday November 1, 2017

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Garett Rohlring, George Leary, and Jaelyn Essandoh were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Smentek made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 6th, 2017 and October 4th, 2017 regular Board of Adjustment meetings. Mr. Jacques seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

BOA 14-17

Charles Schofield - Request for review and approval of a variance to reduce the required side and rear yard setback from 50 feet to 5 feet on the south and east property lines and to reduce the minimum lot area standard from 10 acres to 6.84 acres, all for the purpose of obtaining a feedlot permit. The property is zoned Agricultural, and is located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Pleasant Mound Township.

Mr. Rohlring presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and mentioned that he had just purchased the farm and had not looked deeper into the setback requirements. There was no public comment.

Mr. Femrite commented that it was a straight forward request. He added that he could readily see that the applicant was trying to stay within the confines of the yard and not encroach on the neighboring fields.

Mr. Kurt Anderson complimented the applicant on contacting his neighbors and seeking their input prior to appearing before the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Bill Anderson also complimented the applicant for being proactive. Mr. Femrite added that all considerations of preserving farm ground had been taken into account.

Mr. Bill 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.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smentek seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Board of Adjustment Chair Date

Board of Adjustment Secretary Date