

## **MINUTES**

### **Blue Earth County Board of Adjustment**

**Regular Meeting Wednesday January 3, 2018**

**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, Garrett Rohlfing, George Leary, and Jaelyn Essandoh were also present.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Kurt Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Board of Adjustment meeting. Mr. Smentek 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 01-18**

**Northern States Power and Lab USA** - Request for review and approval of a Variance to reduce the required setback from the centerline of a private road from 65 feet to 30 feet for the construction of an Ash Processing Facility. The property is zoned Conservation and Agricultural and is also located within the Urban Fringe Overlay District of the City of Mankato. The property is located in part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, South Bend Township.

Mr. Stubbs presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and mentioned that they looked forward to coming back for a Conditional Use Permit in February. There was no public comment.

Mr. Femrite commented that staff had done a good job of presenting the details. He added that the utilization of the property seems to be consistent with the current operations.

Mr. Kurt Anderson mentioned that the proposed location seemed like the most logical for the facility. He also asked the applicant about how much metal they anticipate recovering out of a cubic yard of ash and what they do with the recovered metals. The applicant answered the questions by saying that they normally recover between 5 and 10 percent of metal out of a cubic yard of ash. He also added that, the recovered metals go to independent markets identified by Lab USA which accept both the metals and the residual ash that sticks to the metals.

Mr. Kurt Anderson again mentioned that the proposed project will be a win-win situation because a product that will normally go to waste will be recovered and put to good use. There was no further comment.

Mr. Smentek continued with a motion to approve the request with the findings and conditions proposed by staff. Mr. Kurt Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kurt Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smentek seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Board of Adjustment Chair                      Date

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Board of Adjustment Secretary                      Date