

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday August 5, 2009
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Don Gerrish, and Chuck Grams. Land Use and Natural Resources staff present were Sara Isebrand and George Leary.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kurt Anderson noted a spelling error in the July 1, 2009 minutes relating to PC 16-09. Mr. Leary made note of the error and the minutes will be corrected for a signature at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Kurt Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting with the noted correction. Mr. Grams seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 09-09

Mike Fitzsimmons and Sons – Request for a conditional use permit to construct three manure storage structures at an existing feedlot. No increase in animal units is proposed. The feedlot is located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 1, Lyra Township.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicants were represented by Kevin Fitzsimmons.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Femrite asked the applicant about the construction of the structure.

Mr. Fitzsimmons stated that the primary structure is constructed of steel rings with a one piece composite liner.

Mr. Femrite noted an error in the recommendations of the staff report stating that the word concrete in recommendation number six should be changed.

Mr. Leary made note of the error.

Mr. Femrite asked about secondary containment in the event of a spill or accident.

Mr. Leary stated that the applicants had gone through an extensive review process with the MPCA and that the plans presented have been approved by the MPCA.

Kurt Anderson indicated that secondary containment systems are typically used for petroleum storage structures which may present more danger.

There was no further discussion.


Kurt Anderson made a motion recommending of approval of the request to the County Board. Bill Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Commission asked the applicant some additional questions regarding the finished product and the intended use(s). Mr. Fitzsimmons provided the Commission with a brief review of how the finished product may be used.

There was no further business.

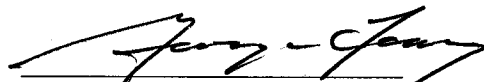
5. AJOURNMENT

Mr. Gerrish made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Kurt Anderson and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Planning Commission Chair

09-02-09
Date



Planning Commission Secretary

09-02-09
Date