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AUSTIN-MOWER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the 102nd Meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment

Members Present: Merrill Chesebrough, Jen Ulwelling, Bill Milbrath

Members Absent: Ken Trom

Others Present: Katie Losness

The meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Acting Chair Chesebrough on Wednesday, June 29, 1988, at 8:00 p.m. in Conference Room I of the Mower County Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the April 27, 1988, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Milbrath, seconded by Mrs. Ulwelling, and passed unanimously.

Martin and Sandra McFarlin - Variance to Allow An Additional Non-Farm Dwelling in the Quarter-Quarter Section: Ms. Losness read the staff report. The McFarlins are requesting a variance to allow an additional non-farm dwelling in the quarter-quarter section in Frankford Township (N 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 9). They want to move a mobile home on the parcel for a brother south of the existing residence. The surrounding land use is agricultural and zoning is rural.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Freese, RR1 Box 46, Grand Meadow, were present to ask questions about the procedure for allowing additional dwellings. They had been told three years prior by their township officials that they couldn't build an additional dwelling on their farm. Mr. Chesebrough and Ms. Losness explained the variance and conditional use permit procedures for allowing additional farm and non-farm dwellings. The Freese's had no objection to the McFarlin's request and just wanted general information.

The Board then discussed the required conditions that must be present for a variance to be granted. The Board found that the McFarlins request was in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan because it is not taking agricultural land out of use. They also found that the variance did not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The land is poor quality pasture that has never been cultivated. The petitioners' sewage and drainfield have been approved.

Therefore, Mr. Milbrath made a motion to approve the variance for an additional farm dwelling in the quarter-quarter section. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ulwelling and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 on a motion made by Mrs. Ulwelling, seconded by Mr. Milbrath and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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