

# MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

## Minutes of the Mower County Board of Adjustment

Members Present: Bill Milbrath, Don Olson, Joan Roe.

Members Absent: Gary Braaten.

Others Present: Wendy Johnson, Daryl Franklin.

The regular meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Chair Don Olson on Wednesday, September 27, 1995, at 2:45 p.m. in Daryl Franklin's Office the Mower County Office Building, 1105-1/2 NE 8th Avenue, Austin, Minnesota.

Minutes of the August 30, 1995, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Joan Roe, seconded by Bill Milbrath. The motion passed unanimously.

**Variance #288 - LeRoy Johnson** - Variance from applicable to Section 14-50(h) of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance to build a house on land that has been tilled in the past five years and has a CER rating of greater than 65. Staff report was presented. An on-site visit was conducted by Don Olson, Joan Roe, Daryl Franklin and the Johnson's. Mrs. Johnson explained that they currently have rented a farming operation to the north where they have dryers and a shop set up. They have been looking for a farm site but have not been able to find any. Don Hanson is willing to sell them the 5 acres for a building site because he is assuming that he will be selling the remainder of the farm (180 acres) to the Johnson's in the future. Mr. Johnson is currently farming the property of Mr. Hanson. After some discussion, a motion was made by Joan Roe, seconded by Bill Milbrath, to approve Variance 288 from Section 14-50(h) of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance because (1) the variance is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance because farming is essential to the growth and development of Mower County; (2) the variance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the reason stated in 1; (3) practical difficulties and particular hardship shown because Mr. Johnson is planning on buying the farm in the future with the following condition.

1. A zoning permit and sewer permit must be secure prior to any construction activity.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Variance #286 - Mower County** - Variance #286 for Mower County to allow a well that can not be found to remain unsealed was continued until next month because no new information has been received.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on a motion by Joan Roe, seconded by Bill Milbrath. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Daryl W. Franklin