

Mower County Planning Commission

County Court House
Austin, Minnesota 55912

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Feb. 22, 1977 with the following members present:

Richard Anderson	M. E. Chesebrough	John Kramer
Dale Braaten	Grace Dooley	Wm. Rugg
Richard Cummings	Stella Jensen	

Staff: Wm. Buckley Daryl Franklin

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as received on a motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Dale Braaten.

SP 149 Arthur J. Mauer for waiver of platting requirements on 5 acres more or less south of I-90 in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1 Windom Twp. was presented with the Investigating Committee and Staff reports recommending approval. A motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Grace Dooley to accept the reports and recommend approval of the petition to the County Commissioners carried unanimously.

A request to DNR from Paul Hull for water appropriation for irrigation was presented for discussion. The Commission members expressed concern over the number of permits granted by DNR in Mower County with the majority of them concentrated in two townships surrounding the City of Austin with large concentrations of suburban residents. A motion by Dale Braaten seconded by Grace Dooley that the Chair send a notice of opposition to the granting of such permits by DNR until DNR furnishes an inventory of water resources to determine that the granting of these permits will not deny water to any existing developed areas and farms. The motion carried unanimously.

SP 148 Delmer Ellis to establish a poultry house on 70 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30 Red Rock Twp. with no recommendation from the Investigation Committee or Staff. Two neighboring property owners and representatives of the Country Club and Nature Center opposed the petition because of anticipated odor generated from such a facility. A motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Dale Braaten to recommend denial of the petition to the County Commissioners because of the proximity to recreational areas carried unanimously.

Wm. Buckley presented a summary of the 1976 road ditch sewer cleanup program showing out of 28 violations 21 have reconstructed, 4 have had extensions and 3 have not been contacted. The Commission designated County Road 4 for 1977 corrections and if time permits survey on County Roads 1, 15 and 6 for correction in 1978. Mr Buckley has been asked to update the County solid waste plan and presented his recommendations to include landfills for demolition and selected materials.

Daryl Franklin presented the proposed changes to the existing Zoning Ordinance as prepared by County Attorney Sieh to bring the Mower County Zoning Ordinance into compliance with State Law, mostly concerned with change of wording from "special permits" to "conditional use permits". A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Richard Anderson to recommend these changes to the County Board carried unanimously.

Discussion took place on exemption of farmsteads of 5 acres or more from the requirements of special permit to waive platting requirements. Daryl was asked to analyze the situation and present a report at our next meeting.

A letter of withdrawal of SP 146 from Bruce Plant was read and accepted on a motion by Richard Cummings seconded by Stella Jensen carried. A letter from the Minnesota Department of Transportation asking for input to the Comprehensive transportation plan was read and will be discussed at our next meeting.

Daryl suggested that the area north of the Stardust Apartments be approached to petition a change in zoning from Rural to Residential. A motion by John Kramer seconded by Stella Jensen that the Staff proceed with this suggestion carried.

The following were appointed to the Investigation Committee to July 1, 1977: Roger Peck, John Kramer, Wm. Milbrath with M. E. Chesebrough alternate.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Dale Braaten seconded by Wm. Rugg.

Grace M. Dooley
Secretary