

Mower County Planning Commission

County Court House
Austin, Minnesota 55912

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman March 29, 1977 with the following members present:

Richard Anderson	Richard Cummings	John Kramer	Wm. Milbrath
Dale Braaten	Grace Dooley	Wm. Hugg	
M. E. Chesebrough	Stella Jensen	Conrad Stenson	

Staff: Wm. Buckley Daryl Franklin Chris Huang Carol Presley

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Dale Braaten.

Arlo Habben, Mower County Soils Conservation Office, John Schell and Sarah Tufford of Minn. DNR gave a presentation on the subject of irrigation wells in Mower County including soils types, ground water tables, State law as to regulation thereof and the procedure followed by DNR for granting irrigation permits by DNR. Fifteen permits have been granted in Mower County to date and ten applications for permits are on file.

SP 150 Marlin Sundel to operate an automobile junk yard in Sec. 24 Lansing Township was presented with the Investigation report recommending approval and the Staff report recommending denial of the permit. A motion by Dale Braaten seconded by Wm. Hugg to accept the staff report and recommend denial to the County Commissioners carried by a 9-1 vote. Recommending denial: Anderson, Braaten, Chesebrough, Cummings, Jensen, Kramer, Milbrath, Hugg, Stenson; recommending approval: Dooley.

SP 47 and SP 122 (renewals) from Broken Spokes Motorcycle Club for permission to use 58.01 acres in Lansing Twp. for amateur motorcycle races and use of track for practice sessions until Oct. 1, 1977 was presented with the Investigation Committee report recommending approval and Staff report recommending approval with the same conditions applied to previous permits. A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Stella Jensen to accept the reports and recommend approval of the petition with the same conditions applied to previous permits to the County Commissioners carried unanimously.

SP 151 Wm. G. Schroeder and Harvey B. Sather, Adams for waiver of platting on 1 acre in Section 10 Adams Twp. was presented with the Investitation report and Staff report both recommending approval. A motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Dale Braaten to accept the reports and recommend approval of the petition to the County Commissioners carried unanimously.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hall of the Governor's Aesthetic Environment Committee were introduced and presented the governor's suggested environmental plan. Carol Presley presented details of the proposed application to FHA from City of Dexter for a new well system, and a motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Dale Braaten to go on record as supporting the application for Dexter carried. Applications from Oliver Hillier and Marvin Peterson for irrigation wells were reviewed, and a motion by Wm. Milbrath seconded by Conrad Stenson that the Planning Commission acknowledge receipt of the applications and forward them to the appropriate agency with no comment carried with Jensen abstaining.

Daryl Franklin presented a prepared draft for input to the Minnesota Department of Transportation future program as requested at our February meeting. This draft suggested the construction of simple rest areas and comfort stations along the regular trunk highway system; provision for bicycle paths in urban-suburban area; retention of public ownership of abandoned railroads for future restoration of rail transportation; and encouragement of a tax system on purchase of automobiles and fuel to encourage purchase and use of lighter weight, lower powered fuel efficient vehicles. A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Richard Cummings that the suggested draft in its entirety be recommended to the Department of Transportation carried.

A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Dale Braaten to table action on regulation changes on small subdivisions carried. Two petitions were received and recommended to the Investigation Committee on a motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Dale Braaten. The meeting adjourned on a motion by Richard Anderson seconded by Wm. Rugg.

Grace M. Dooley
Secretary