

# Mower County Planning Commission

## Minutes of the Mower County Planning Commission – April 20, 2005

Members Present: Dick Lang, Myles Bendtsen, Barb Hovde, Jim Risius, Margaret Kirchner, Sheldon Lukes

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ray Tucker, Daryl W. Franklin, Citizens

Ron Vogt, Chairman of Frankford Township, convened the special meeting at 8:00 p.m. and welcomed the Mower County Planning Commission to their meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at the Frankford Township Hall in rural Grand Meadow, Minnesota. Mr. Vogt turned the meeting over to Chair Ray Tucker, Mower County Board of Commissioners.

Ray Tucker gave a short background on the purpose of the meeting to receive input and to make a recommendation to the Mower County Board of Commissioners.

The current regulations for property located in the NE area of Frankford Township allows one dwelling per 40 acres. The South part of Frankford Township allows one dwelling per 160 acres.

### Citizen Comments:

Naomi Johnson spoke and feels that development needs to take place close to cities to protect farm land and preserve natural resources.

Bob Capelle spoke and likes the one dwelling per forty acres, but doesn't like subdivisions.

Matt Klassen spoke and feels the regulations should be left as is and feels it is reasonable that this area is not the best farm land.

Bob Baarsch spoke and discussed the history of the Feedlot Ordinance and the 1 per 160 requirement.

Howard Douglas spoke and presented a booklet published by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture entitled, "Cost of Public Services Study". Copies will be given to the Mower County Planning Commission and Mower County Board of Commissioners.

Barry Novinger spoke and feels development should take place closer to the city and not in the rural area. He also referred to the Olmsted County study which states that farm land needs to be protected.

Sean Kettlekamp, resident from Rocheser, who has ancestor roots in Frankford Township, feels that farm land should be protected.

Bruce Bucknell, Racine Township Supervisor and sewer contractor, was present and feels the property should remain "Rural Management". He stated that Racine Township is happy with the Rural Management zoning.

Laura Mangan spoke about a Fillmore County survey that was handed out.

Mr. Johnson spoke and feels Planned Unit Developments need to be near cities and should only be allowed if connected to municipalities.

After some discussion, Commisisoner Tucker brought the meeting back to the Planning Commission. After some discussion, a motion was made by Barb Hovde and seconded by Jim Risius to recommend that the Mower County Comprehensive Plan's future land use plan for property located in Section 7 – 18 and the N ½ of Section 19 – 24 of Frankford Township be changed from "Rural Management" to "Agricultural". The motion passed on a 3 - 2 vote. Those voting aye were: Barb Hovde, Jim Risius & Sheldon Lukes. Those voting naye were: Myles Bendtsen & Margaret Kirchner. The next motion was to recommend that the Mower County Board of Commissioners rezone Section 7 – 18 and the N ½ of Section 19 – 24, Frankford Twonship from Rural Management to Agricultural. The motion was made by Jim Risius and seconded by Sheldon Lukes. The motion passed on a 3 – 2 vote. Those voting aye were: Barb Hovde, Jim Risius & Sheldon Lukes. Those voting naye were: Myles Bendtsen & Margaret Kirchner.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on a motion by Sheldon Lukes, seconded by Margaret Kirchner. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl W. Franklin  
Mower County Planning Director