

Mower County Planning Commission

Minutes of the Mower County Planning Commission – March 31, 2009

Members Present: Tim Gabrielson, Jim Risius, Harlan Peck, Barb Hovde, Margaret Kirchner & Jane Thome

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Angela M. Knish, Bob Baarsch & Lee Bonorden

Tim Gabrielson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2009, in the Board of Commissioners Room at the Mower County Courthouse, 201 1st Street NE, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the November 25, 2008, regular meeting were approved as mailed on a motion made by Jane Thome and seconded by Barb Hovde. The motion passed unanimously.

CUP #745 – Baarsch Farms, LLC: Conditional Use Permit #745 to remodel the interior of existing buildings and expand from 1,920 animal units to 2,100 animal units of finishing swine pursuant to Section 14-51(v) of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance on property located at: E 430 ft. N 545 ft. NE ¼ NW ¼ , Section 25, Lodi Township, Mower County, Minnesota.

Staff Presentation: Reference was made to the site investigation performed by Margaret Kirchner and Barb Hovde on March 24, 2009. The Staff Report was presented with conditions and background information noted.

Applicant's Presentation: Robert Baarsch was present at the meeting and spoke about the CUP request.

Statements from the Public:

Conclude the Public Hearing: Tim Gabrielson closed the public hearing. After some discussion, a motion was made by Margaret Kirchner and seconded by Harlan Peck to recommend approval of CUP #745 with the following conditions because it is in accordance with Section 14-51 of the Mower County Zoning Regulations and adopting the attached Findings of Fact.

The following are conditions of Conditional Use Permit #745:

1. Comply with MPCA Feedlot Rules and Regulations for this type of facility.
2. Comply with Mower County Zoning Ordinance.
3. Follow the Feedlot Good Neighbor Plan, and update as necessary or as facility changes.
4. This permit is based upon representation given by the applicant during the hearing process and any misrepresentation presented in this process may be grounds for revoking the permit.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Gabrielson does not vote.

It was stated that the County Board would be acting on this petition at their Tuesday, April 7, 2009 meeting at 1:15 p.m. at the Mower County Courthouse.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Jim Risius seconded by Harlan Peck. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Knish, Director
Mower County Environmental Services