

Becker County Planning Commission
April 17, 2012

Members Present: Harry Johnston, John Lien, Jim Brufloft, Commissioner Larry Knutson, Jeff Moritz, Mary Seaberg, David Blomseth, Ray Thorkildson, Jim Kovala, and Zoning Administrator Patty Swenson.

Chairman Brufloft called the meeting to order. Zoning Administrator Patty Swenson recorded the minutes.

Seaberg made a motion to approve the minutes from March 20th, 2012. Lien second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Brufloft explained the protocol for the meeting and stated that the recommendations of the Planning Commission would be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final action on April 24th, 2012.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

APPLICANTS: Aggregate Industries Rollag Facility. Request an amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit document #512706 to add a ready mix concrete batch plant to the existing Rollag Sand & Gravel Facility in Pit #52. Project Location: 11700 Co Hwy 2, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572.

Eldo Beilke, Operations Manager, Aggregate Industries explained the application to the Board. There is an existing conditional use permit on the property and Aggregate Ind. would like to amend the permit to include a ready mix concrete (RMC) batch plant. The current site operates 24 hours/day, 7 days/week during the active mining season. The RMC would typically operate 6am-6pm with occasional extension of hours if job demands require. There will be three additional employees at the RMC. The plant will be 90 ft in length and height and will include a feeder conveyor. The business plan submitted with the conditional use permit application will be followed.

No one spoke in favor of the application. No one spoke against the application. There was no written correspondence on record. At this time, testimony was closed and discussion was held.

Lien commented that he did not see a conflict adding the batch plant to the existing mining operation. There are no residents in the immediate area. Kovala questioned the hours of operation – Eldo Beilke stated that the current permit allows for 24 hrs/ 7 days/week.

It was the concensus of the Board that the request meets the criteria of the Ordinance.

There was no further discussion by the Commission.

Motion: Blomseth made the motion to approve the request to amend existing Conditional Use Permit document #512706 to add a ready mix concrete batch plant to the Rollag Sand & Gravel Facility in Pit #52 based on the fact that the application meets the criteria of the ordinance. Moritz second. All in favor. Motion carried.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Informational Meeting. The next informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10th, 2012 at 8:00 am in the First Floor Commissioner Room of the Original Courthouse.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Zoning Ordinance Chapter 7 Section 6 Extraction of Materials and Minerals. The Planning Commission members recommend that the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee review and make amendment recommendations on this Section of the Ordinance. Particular areas suggested for review include location of mining operations, setbacks, hours of operation, public road project exemptions and reclamation.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Election of Officers. Seaberg made a motion elect Brufloft Chairman, Lien Vice Chairman and Moritz Secretary. Kovala second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Kovala made a motion to adjourn. Thorkildson second. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jim Brufloft, Chairman

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

ATTEST _____
Patricia Swenson, Zoning Administrator