

Becker County Planning Commission
July 14th, 2015

Members Present: Vice-Chairman John Lien, Commissioner Larry Knutson, Jim Kovala, Dave Blomseth, Jim Kaiser, Ray Thorkildson, Jeff Moritz, Harry Johnston, Mary Seaworth, Zoning Supervisor Eric Evenson-Marden and Zoning Technician Julene Hodgson. Absent were Jim Bruflodt and Mary Seaberg.

Vice-Chairman Lien called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Zoning Technician Julene Hodgson recorded minutes.

Vice-Chairman Lien 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 July 21st, 2015.

The Board discussed the previous meeting minutes. Kovala made a motion to approve the minutes for June 9th, 2015. Thorkildson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: R & G Plumbing & Heating Inc.
Project Location: 25485 Co Hwy 48 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** 210105007 Osage Township Non-shoreland PT S1/2 NE1/4: BEG E QTR COR SEC 17, N 435', W 502', S 435' E 502' TO POB. TRACT 2 Section 17 TWP 140, Range 36 **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit for a heating and plumbing business to include a building for supply storage and an office in an Agricultural Zone.

Ryan Sharp and Greg Tretbar explained the application to the Board. They own the R & G Plumbing and Heating business and have been basically working out of their van. Sharp explained they need a location to store their equipment and supplies.

No one spoke in favor of the application. No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence either for or against the proposal. At this time, testimony was closed and further discussion was held.

Kovala stated he spoke with neighbors and the Mayor of Osage and there were no objections or concerns. It was the consensus of the Board that the request meets the criteria of the Ordinance.

There was no further discussion by the Commission.

MOTION: Kovala made a motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a heating and plumbing business as submitted to include a building for supply storage and an office. Knutson second. All in favor. Motion carried to approve.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: Bryan Stevens Project Location: 27208 Co Hwy 37 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** 280018000 Shell Lake Township Non-Shoreland S 1875 FT OF E 700 FT OF E1/2 OF SE1/4 Section 03, Township 140, Range 38 **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit for excavation of sand fill materials for a period of 10 years in an Agricultural zone.

Darryl Bergstrom on behalf of the property owner explained the application to the Board. Bergstrom stated he would extract gravel for small local projects as in garage slabs, driveways and so forth. Knutson questioned Bergstrom if his request included adding a screen someday to which Bergstrom stated yes he would like to add a mechanical screen someday, but there would be no crusher on site. Knutson asked if Bergstrom wanted to include this as part of the CUP request to which Bergstrom stated yes.

No one spoke in favor of the application. No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence either for or against the proposal. At this time, testimony was closed and further discussion was held.

The Board discussed different pits in the area including grandfathered ones, ones for just certain road projects and ones previously approved through the CUP process.

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

There was no further discussion by the Commission.

MOTION: Kaiser made a motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit as submitted for excavation of sand fill materials for a period of 10 years. The approval includes screening equipment but does not include a crusher. Knutson second. All in favor. Motion carried to approve.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Informational Meeting: The next informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th, 2015 at 8:00 am in the Third Floor Meeting Room of the Original Courthouse.

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.

John Lien, Vice-Chairman

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

ATTEST _____

Eric Evenson-Marden, Zoning Supervisor