

**Becker County Planning Commission**  
**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Members Present:** Chairman Dave Blomseth, County Commissioner Larry Knutson, Ray Thorkildson, Tommy Ailie, Kohl Skalin, Mary Seaberg, Harvey Aho, Jeff Moritz, and Zoning Director Kyle Vareberg. **Members Absent:** Brian Bestge and Chuck Collins.

Chairman Dave Blomseth called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Introductions were given. Becker County Zoning Office Support Specialist Nicole Hultin recorded the minutes.

Mary Seaberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting. Ailie second. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Dave Blomseth 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.

**New Business:**

- 1. APPLICANT: Eric Nemeth** 158 Rainbow Dr # 5810 Livingston, TX 77399-1058 **Project Location:** TBD County Hwy 44 Park Rapids, MN 56470 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID number: 34.0050.001 Section 09 Township 141 Range 036; W1/2 NW1/4, W 760' E1/2 NW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4. **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit for mining operations.

Jason Thelen, current owner of the property, presented the application.

Marsha Watland, County Ag Inspector, spoke regarding gravel pits in Becker County. Watland stated that she wants to ensure the applicant will be willing to work with her to ensure a compliant gravel pit.

Thelen stated he would.

Testimony closed.

Vareberg stated that the timeline for start and end dates needed to be clarified.

Thelen said they hope to start in the spring, and operation would be ongoing.

Vareberg stated it would be worded to reflect tentative start and end dates, and that the mining would be ongoing from year to year.

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**MOTION: Skalin motioned to approve the application with the clarification that start and end dates will be tentative with ongoing mining operations; Seaberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**2. APPLICANT: Kevin P & Todd A Dirks** 54097 Grant St Osage, MN 56570  
**Project Location:** 54097 Grant St Osage, MN 56570 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID number 21.0109.000 Section 17 Township 140 Range 036; GOVT LOTS 1 & 2 EX 10 AC TO BURR, 13.65 AC TO SARGENT & 6 AC TO 21.0109.001. **Todd A & LeeAnn M Dirks** 54125 Grant St Osage, MN 56570 **Project Location:** 54125 Grant St Osage, Mn 56570 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** 21.0109.001 Section 17 Township 140 Range 036; EAST 175' OF GOVT LOT 1, WEST 100' OF NE1/4 NW1/4 & PT GOVT LOT 2: BEG NE COR GOVT LOT 2 TH S 138.60', W TO STRAIGHT LK NWLY AL LK TO N LN GOVT LOT 2, TH E AL N LN TO POB EX TWP RD. **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit for an expansion to an existing licensed resort for twenty-six (26) units.

David Dirks with R & D Resort and Campground presented the application.

Aho asked about the potential boundary line adjustment that will need to be done to meet the request.

Dirks clarified that the neighbor, an owner of R & D Resort will be adding some of their land to the Resort's parcel in order to have the appropriate amount of shoreland and non-shoreland acreage for this request.

Knutson asked about docking.

Dirks stated they would not be increasing the number of docks.

Skalin asked if there would still be transient sites.

Dirks confirmed.

Vareberg clarified that the request would result in a total number of five (5) rooms in the lodge, six (6) cabins, and expansion from twenty-three (23) to forty-nine (49) seasonal units, and the existing number of transient spots.

Testimony Closed.

92           **MOTION: Aho motioned to approve the application; Moritz second. Roll**  
93           **Call. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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96   **Other Business:**

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98   I) **Tentative Date for Next Informational Meeting: November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021; 8:00 am; 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
99       **Floor Meeting Room in the Becker County Courthouse, Detroit Lakes, MN.**

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101   **Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Thorkildson made a**  
102   **motion to adjourn. Skalin second. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting**  
103   **adjourned at 6:35 pm.**

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**David Blomseth, Chairman**

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**Jeff Moritz, Secretary**

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Kyle Vareberg, Zoning Administrator