

**Becker County Planning Commission**  
**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

Acting Chairman Jeff Moritz 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 May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting. Harvey Aho second. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Jeff Moritz 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: Henry D & Ida J Miller** 38095 Rethwisch Ln Frazee, MN 56544 **Project Location:** 38095 Rethwisch Ln Frazee, MN 56544 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID number: 29.0077.000 Section 15 Township 138 Range 039; NW1/4 **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a sawmill.

Henry Miller presented the application virtually.

Miller stated that in the initial application he listed having four (4) employees but wanted to clarify that the employees would be his sons.

Thorkildson asked if this would be used for retail or contract jobs.

Miller stated it would be for retail, mostly pallet stock and stakes. He stated there could possibly be the occasional custom order, but that it is not the primary intention of the sawmill business.

Knutson commented that he spoke with a neighbor when he visited the property, and that the neighbor had no objections to this business plan.

**MOTION: Thorkildson motioned to approve the application as submitted; Aho second. All in favor. Motion carried.**

47                   **2. APPLICANT: Amy J Ruley** 3137 N 10<sup>th</sup> St Fargo, ND 58102 **Project**  
48                   **Location:** TBD Tradewinds Rd Audubon, MN 56511 **LEGAL LAND**  
49                   **DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID number: 17.0079.001 Section 07 Township 138  
50                   Range 042; 7-138-42 PT GOVT LOT 7: COM S QTR COR SEC 7, E  
51                   326.23' TO POB; E 921.77', N 1319.04', W 858.1', S 22.6', W 33.79' TO  
52                   CTR RD, S AL CTR RD 473.85', W 33.06', S 788.51' TO POB. TRACT  
53                   B. **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a  
54                   Preliminary Plat for a multi-unit storage structure development.  
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56 Scot Walz of Meadowland Surveying presented the application.  
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58 Walz stated that the plan is for twelve (12) units, but that they created the preliminary  
59 plat to reflect for more units in the future if they decide to go that route, and at which  
60 time they would apply again. He noted that if they decided not to add extra in the future,  
61 that land would go back to Ruley.  
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63 Walz commented that having these storage structures helps to keep storage off the lake  
64 lots, which are smaller in size and that not all the lake lots are able to accommodate their  
65 own storage structure.  
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67 Aho asked if the units were for individual sale and not to be rented.  
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69 Walz confirmed.  
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71 Vareberg read into the record two (2) letters received regarding this application; one  
72 letter in favor of the project and one opposed.  
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74 Moritz asked if there was anyone to speak for or against the application. There was no  
75 one in person or virtually.  
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77 Moritz commented that he works for the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District. He stated  
78 that the biggest concern for the project was making sure that water run-off is captured  
79 properly. He commented that their engineer has been working with Walz to create a  
80 Storm Water Management Plan.  
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90                   56501 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID number: 17.0290.000  
91                   Section 26 Township 138 Range 042; NE1/4 OF NW1/4 LESS PT E OF  
92                   TWP RD & LOT 1 LESS 5.80 AC. **APPLICATION AND**

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**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Final Plat for Eunice Windsong.

Scot Walz of Meadowland Surveying presented the application.

Walz stated that everything on the final plat is the same as what was approved in the preliminary plat.

**MOTION: Skalin motioned to approve as submitted; Seaberg second. Roll Call. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Other Business:**

D) **Tentative Date for Next Informational Meeting: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021;** 8:00 am; 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room in the Becker County Courthouse, Detroit Lakes, MN.

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

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**Jeff Moritz, Acting Chairman**

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**Jeff Moritz, Secretary**

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Kyle Vareberg, Zoning Administrator