

**STEARNS COUNTY FEEDLOT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
AT STEARNS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER WEST, ROOM 121 B
MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 22, 2017 MEETING**

Committee Members Present: Chair Amber Mielke, Dennis Ritter, Dale Hegland, Scott Lieser, Jim Hemmesch, Dale Job and Emily Wilmes

Committee Members Excused: Nathan Hylla

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Laurie Lokken

The meeting was called to order by Chair Amber Mielke at 1:01 p.m.

Introductions of Feedlot Review Committee members and Environmental Services staff were made.

Oath of Office

The oath of office was given to returning member, Dale Hegland.

Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics forms were completed and collected from members present. These forms will be forwarded to staff in the County's Administration Department.

Approval of May 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Feedlot Review Committee reviewed the minutes from the May 25, 2016 meeting. **Scott Lieser made a motion to approve the May 25, 2016 minutes, which was seconded by Jim Hemmesch. The motion carried unanimously.**

Emily Wilmes and Dale Job arrived by 1:05 p.m. and introduced themselves. Code of Ethics forms were completed and collected from them.

Ms. Mielke announced that this is a public meeting and there will not be any public input. There was a sign-in sheet available for the members of the public.

Isaak Jansen-Hinnenkamp – Melrose Township (P-005494)

Amber Mielke reviewed the Planning Commission recommendation for the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Isaak Hinnenkamp. On June 16, 2016, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application with staff's recommended conditions to the County Board. On June 21, 2016, the County Board *approved* the application with the Planning Commission recommendations.

Caesar J. Larson of C. Larson Family Farms, Inc. (Applicant) and RD Offutt Company (Land Owner) – Maine Prairie Township (P-005343)

Amber Mielke reviewed that the Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Caesar J. Larson of c. Larson Family Farms, Inc. (Applicant) and RD Offutt Company (Land Owner) was withdrawn by the applicant on June 3, 2016.

Richard & Marlys Janski – Fair Haven Township (P-007263)

Amber Mielke gave an overview of the staff report. Ms. Mielke noted that the Janski's have submitted a variance request to the County's Board of Adjustment because the proposed new feedlot structure would not be meeting the setback requirements allowed by Ordinance. This variance request will be heard at the Board of Adjustment's meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017. If the variance request is denied, this CUP application may need to be revised and be brought back to the Feedlot Review Committee for review and recommended approval.

Dennis Ritter stated that he communicated with Mr. Janski prior to the meeting and the manure complaint was a mistake made by a hired hand. The residence identified on the site map to be 364 feet from the proposed structure is a rental house that has been rented for 50 years and the Janski's will have first chance to purchase it.

Staff Recommendations

If this application is approved, staff recommends the following conditions:

1. The owner shall maintain compliance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7020, and Stearns County Ordinance #439 or successor rules.
2. The owner shall construct all proposed improvements according to plans, specifications and guidelines submitted with the application, unless otherwise approved by the Environmental Services Department.

Feedlot Review Committee Review/Discussion

There was no further discussion on this request.

A motion was made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Emily Wilmes, to recommend to the Planning Commission for approval of the application with staff's recommended conditions as outlined. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Discussion Items

Land Use & Zoning Ordinance #439

Committee members were reminded that the Stearns County Land Use & Zoning Ordinance #439 is available to view on the County website. Copies of the current Ordinance were not requested by Committee members present.

Annual Compliance Updates

Annual compliance data will be reported at the next Feedlot Review Committee meeting.

Adjourn

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Scott Lieser, seconded by Dale Job, to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.