

**STEARNS COUNTY FEEDLOT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
AT STEARNS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER WEST, ROOM 121 B**

MINUTES FROM THE JULY 26, 2017 MEETING

Committee Members Present: Chair Brian Krippner, Dale Job, Nathan Hylla, Emily Wilmes, Jim Hemmesch, Scott Lieser and Dale Hegland

Committee Members Excused: Dennis Ritter

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Vice-Chair Amber Mielke, Lynette Nicholson

The meeting was called to order by Brian Krippner at 1:00 p.m.

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

Approval of July 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The Committee made a motion to table minutes to next meeting. Jim Hemmesch **made a motion to table minutes which was seconded** by Dale Hegland. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Thomas & Anita Dobmeier – Farming Township (P-007532)

Amber Mielke reviewed the Planning Commission recommendation for Thomas & Anita Dobmeier Conditional Use Permit application. On May 18, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval with staff recommendations to the County Board. On May 23, 2017, the County Board *approved* the application with the Planning Commission recommendations.

Neil & Kathy Yamry – Krain Twp (F-000428)

Amber Mielke gave an overview of the feedlot permit application and staff report.

Feedlot Review Committee Discussion/Recommendations

Nathan questioned why the 1st barn was put within 700 feet setback to the home on the southeast side of the property and if Mr. Miller found that acceptable. Amber replied they were grandfathered in. The Yamry's feedlot was grandfathered in for the setback from the Miller's house and is allowed no further encroachment from the closest feedlot point to their home based on the original feedlot registration. Nathan stated he spoke with the applicant and they have manure storage and a plan in place.

James Scegura – Holding Twp (F-000431)

Brian Krippner gave an overview of the application and staff report.

Feedlot Review Committee Discussion/Recommendations

Nathan asked how was the applicant able to obtain a permit to build and Environmental Services is requesting a variance? Brian replied, the applicant was given a permit to build a barn 100ft from the parcel line, and the applicant built the barn at 68ft so in this case the variance is needed. Brian stated because the construction of the barn was not within the permitted location, it (the permit) has to be modified. Jim questioned the location of the building. Nathan asked if the property line was surveyed. Brian replied no. Amber noted that a survey was not required on feedlot but going forward they will be required due to a new ESD policy. Nathan asked if the applicant was going to eliminate stockpiling on his sites. Brian replied yes, it would be the applicant's responsibility to meet sure the manure is hauled away as the barn is cleaned out. Amber read the statute on stockpiling that exempts producer from stockpiling requirements if the manure is stockpile for less than 10 consecutive days no more than 6 times per calendar year. Nathan asked is the applicant going to meet the requirements of removing the stockpile within the time frame. Amber replied if not the applicant would have to haul it out. Brian noted that the company that's contracting with

these broiler barns has changed their policy on how the chicken litter is handled. They are not allowing them to clean out the entire barn anymore. Amber stated she was informed only the top half of the litter will be cleaned. Nathan asked how many barns Pilgrim's Pride is planning on putting in the county in the future. He was concerned about the increased manure generation along with storage needs, especially in areas that have high ground water nitrates already. He stated there may be more pressure due to the Benson Power Plant not accepting poultry litter in the future when it's closed down. Nathan asked if new facilities will need to be presented to FRC or even need Manure Management Plans. Amber replied a few will come to Stearns County FRC, but only the ones that already have some sort of dairy animals on their site will need a Manure Management Plan.

Other Discussion Items

There was mention of water contamination at a livestock farm.

Adjourn

With no further discussion. A motion was made by Jim Hemmesch, seconded by Dale Job to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.