

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
Douglas County Board of Supervisors  
Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m., Government Center, Boardroom 201  
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Mary Lou Bergman.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mary Lou Bergman, Patricia Ryan, Jim Borgeson, Charlie Glazman, Nick Baker. Others present – Terri Luebbe, Tessah Behlings, Zach DeVoe, Ashley Vande Voort, Jon Fiskness, Marissa Hanson, Devon Nyderek, Heidi Schiefelbein, Barb McDaniel, Brian Diesterhaft, LaDonna Diesterhaft, Jason Larson, Dale Apfel, Winston Apfel, Kaci Lundgren (Committee Clerk).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Baker, second Ryan, to approve minutes from the May 12, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Amendments to the Douglas County Zoning Ordinance 8.0:**

**Petition No. 21-04: R & B Northwest Rentals, LLC, Hawthorne, WI – Pt NW NW, section 35, T45N-R12W, ex parcel in NW corner desc 428 RP 769, ex parcel to highway (.06A) desc 614/212, ex lots 1-4 CSM #1032 vol 7 pages 203-204, subj to 35.37' driveway easement for access to lot 4 and this parcel, subj to Baldwin Ave; (SO-026-01237-00), Town of Solon Springs:** Referred from May 12, 2021, meeting to await town approval.

**ACTION:** Motion by Ryan, second Glazman, to approve application as presented. Motion carried.

**Petition No. 21-05: R & B Northwest Rentals, LLC, Hawthorne, WI – Pt NE NW, section 35, T45N-R12W; pt NE NW lying westerly of a line 200' W & parallel with line of US Highway 53; no vehicular ingress/egress to Highway 53 allowed, (SO-026-01235-02), Town of Solon Springs:** Referred from May 12, 2021, meeting to await town approval.

**ACTION:** Motion by Ryan, second Glazman, to approve application as presented. Motion carried.

**Petition No. 21-06: Troy & Heidi Schiefelbein, South Range, WI – S-350' W-1/2 NW SW, section 33, T48N-R12W, (4690 S Rockmont Rd, AM-002-00822-00), Town of Amnicon:** Referred from May 12, 2021, meeting to await town approval.

**ACTION:** Motion by Ryan, second Glazman, to approve application as presented. Motion carried.

**Petition No. 21-07: Dale Apfel, South Range, WI – S-1/2 N-1/2 SW SE, Section 33, T47N-R12W, (7128 S Siegel Ln, HA-014-00882-00), Town of Hawthorne:** Elaborate chicken coop was built too close to dwelling and owner does not want to relocate; A-1 zone district does not

have dwelling setback requirements.

**ACTION:** Motion by Ryan, second Borgeson, to approve application as presented. Motion carried.

**Conditional-Use Permits:**

**Troy and Heidi Schiefelbein, South Range, WI – from May 12, 2021 hearing - Hobby Farm – S-350’ W-1/2 NW SW, Section 33, T48N-R12W; (4690 S Rockmont Rd, AM-002-00822-00), Town of Amnicon.**

Applicant present; town requested review in ten years.

**ACTION:** Motion by Ryan, second Borgeson, to approve application with review and renewal of permit in ten years. Motion carried.

**Joseph Anderson, Inver Grove Heights, MN – from May 12, 2021 hearing – Small Wind Turbine Tower – PT GOV’T LOT 1, Section 28, T43N-R14W, EX EASE, EX 330 RP 373; (3503 E Hanson Rd, DA-010-00382-00), Town of Dairyland.**

Applicant not present; town had no objections. Referred from May 12, 2021, meeting to await approval from St. Croix Scenic Riverway.

**ACTION:** Motion by Baker, second Ryan, to approve application with the conditions requested by the St. Croix Scenic Riverway, which include use of non-glare or earth tone paint and maintenance of vegetative screening between turbine and river. Motion carried.

**Jason Larson, Foxboro, WI – Home Occupation (Fire Arms Sales) – Lot 4, first and second addition to Townsite of Patzau, Section 3, T46N-R15W; (1457 E Patzau Foxboro Rd, SU-028-01728-00), Town of Summit.**

Applicant present; town had no objections.

**ACTION:** Motion by Ryan, second Glazman, to approve application as presented. Motion carried.

**Steve & Connie Hollingsworth, Elk Mound, WI – Private Campground with 2 Campers – SE NE NE, Section 22, T44N-R10W; (13255 S Schaeffer Rd, GO-012-00379-02), Town of Gordon.**

Applicant not present; town did not yet respond.

**ACTION:** Motion by Baker, second Borgeson, to approve application pending town approval. Motion carried.

**Brian Diesterhaft, Maple, WI – Private Campground with 3 Campers – SE NE, Section 18, T48N-R10W, ALSO 33’ EASE ACR N-33’ OF SE; (12217 E Haukkila Rd, MA-020-00275-00),**

## **Town of Maple.**

Applicant present; town had no objections.

**ACTION:** Motion by Borgeson, second Baker, to approve application with the condition that no campers may be located in the mapped wetland. Motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Planning and Zoning/Board of Adjustment:** Revenue on track to be highest year.

**Land Conservation:** Held a field day on manure spreader and testing with Jane Anklam. Working on agriculture enterprise area education and shoreland mitigation efforts.

**Land Records:** Grant reporting submitted to state. Land Records Modernization Plan will be completed ahead of schedule. Forestry receiving new server. Continuing work with COVID-19 updates and modernization of database.

**Real Property Lister:** Providing assessments to state.

**Register of Deeds – Retained Fees Account:** Distributed.

### **ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:**

#### **Land Conservation:**

**Support Creation of Agriculture Enterprise Area in Douglas County:** To qualify for Farmland Preservation Agreement with a tax incentive, the property must be located in a farmland preservation zone (Douglas County does not have) or an agriculture enterprise area. Farmers must petition an area to be designated as agriculture enterprise to the state, with town and county support.

**ACTION (RESOLUTION):** Motion by Baker, second Borgeson, to support resolution as presented and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Budgetary Transfers:**

**Record Funding of \$1,300 for the Superior Bay and Pickle Pond Yellow Iris Response:** Transaction to accept grant funds.

**Record Funding of \$1,801.95 for the AIS Butterfly Dock EDRR Project:** Transaction to accept grant funds.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Baker, second Ryan, to approve budgetary transfers and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Great Lakes Committee Grant for AIS Cleaning Stations Approval:** Vande Voort to apply for grant for AIS cleaning stations.

**ACTION:** Motion by Ryan, second Borgeson, to approve grant application. Motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Grants for Aquatic Invasive Species:** Authorization needed to apply for grants through WIDNR.

**ACTION (RESOLUTION):** Motion by Baker, second Borgeson, to support resolution as presented and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**POWTS Postcards:** Final round of postcards mailed this year to inform property owners of septic inspection requirement every three years. Inspections may be done by pumpers, plumbers and other trained inspectors. Many companies are not following through with reporting requirements of septic pumping within thirty days; records cannot be updated without information. If a system is found to be failing, a property owner has twelve months to replace or repair, unless an imminent health threat is determined.

**Douglas County Zoning Ordinance 8.0 Update:** Ordinance updates to be done in areas of campgrounds, signs, and A-2 zone district. Campground requirements are currently ambiguous; more guidelines will make permitting process more efficient. Sign guidelines are out-of-date with current regulations; A-2 zone district created for captive cervids and Concentrated Feeding Animal Operations.

**Fire Numbers:** Fire numbers not currently issued to vacant parcels, as interpreted from the public safety Ordinance. A survey of other Wisconsin counties suggest most issue fire numbers to vacant parcels, as requested. Emergency operations anticipate a benefit in issuing more numbers to locate those in distress. Zoning Department will consider assigning vacant parcels fire numbers and charging higher fee, due to labor and travel requirements.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Douglas County Zoning Ordinance 8.0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Ryan, second Baker, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Lundgren  
Committee Clerk