

Stutsman County Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes – June 26th, 2012

At 8:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Harold Bensch. Present were Charlie Kourajian, Dale Marks, Harold Bensch, Ryan Odenbach, Dave Schwartz, Brian Amundson, Duane Andersen, and Dustin Bakken, Zoning Administrator. Absent was Ken Schulz.

Dustin stated Brandon Schlecht came in to request a permit for his expansion of his feedlot, section 20 of Peterson Township. He has worked with NRCS to develop the site plans. He has approval from the North Dakota Health Department.

Kourajin asked if Kidder County was notified of the feedlot expansion. Kidder County was not notified of the expansion. Everyone within a mile radius of section 20 of the feedlot expansion of the owner setbacks was notified and we received their responses. According to the zoning ordinance, we would have to notify the owner setbacks and townships within a ½ mile radius that are involved.

Amundson made sure that the feedlot application met the state requirements. It has been approved by the state health department.

Odenbach questioned if there were any public comments. There were no public comments.

Bakken stated that the only setback requirement that was relatively close was the county road. It was 240 feet from the edge of their feedlot expansion to the county road. The zoning ordinance requires 150 feet.

Bensch inquired if all of the requirements for the Stutsman County zoning commission have been met for the ordinance. The Schlechts have met all of the requirements.

Amundson inquired if Stutsman County zoning requirements are the same as the requirements as the state health department.

Marks questioned about the operation. It looks like the Schlechts are operating 999 cattle or less. The cattle are currently feeding. The Schlechts are relocating their feedlot operation. In order to get permitted it was easier to relocate than to contain what they are currently using.

Andersen inquired about the old block that was there 20 years ago and if they are still using it. The Schlechts are still using the old block. The Schlechts needed to expand their operation. Once the expansion is finished they will abandon the old feedlot.

Marks inquired about the engineering design and if it has been approved. The design was done by K2S and it has their "P" stamp on it. The design has been approved the state health department with their engineer. Kourajin noticed that there were some bodies of water south of the property. The bodies of water run into Crystal Springs Lake. The expansion would contain the runoff that would go into that area.

Amundson made a motion, seconded by Kourajian to approve the feedlot expansion as presented. Motion Carried.

The planning and zoning meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

Dustin Bakken
Zoning Administrator