

Bassett, Nebraska
March 30, 2023

The Rock County Board of Commissioners met at 2:00 p.m. as advertised to hold a Public Hearing to review & consider recommendations of the Rock County Planning Commission & all comments by the public in attendance or submitted in writing at the hearing to consider MSJM's application for a special exception or conditional use permit for three 5,000 head deep-pit finishers (three 5,000 head hog finishing barns) at three different locations. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hollenbeck at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Hollenbeck, Smith & Sybrant. Also present were A. Gurnsey, County Attorney, D. Buoy, County Clerk, T. Ellermeier, Zoning Administrator, G. Buoy, Planning Commission Chairman & Kami Hooley, Stenographer. Approximately 32 concerned citizens were also in attendance.

Hollenbeck stated the Open Meeting Law is posted on the wall in the Courtroom.

The agenda for the day was reviewed. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the agenda as posted in the Clerk's office. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to go into Public Hearing at 2:02 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried

Proponents speaking for approval of MSJM's Special use application were Steve Mossman, Attorney at Law, Matt Niewohner, Grant Niewohner, Bree Denaeyer, Farm Bureau, Steve Martin, Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska. (AFAN) & John Csukker. Mossman presented notebooks with Conditional Use Permit Application Exhibits to the Commissioners & Clerk. He discussed the overall operations plan if the permit was issued. Brian Turner, Central Confinement Services, LLC spoke about the engineering & construction of the proposed pit barns.

Opponents speaking for the denial of the Special Use Application were Jeep Cozad, Dave Hutchinson, Lynn Zumbrunn(letter), Melody Montgomery & Jessica Piskorski, Attorney at Law. Piskorski presented information the Commissioners should consider to deny the Special Exemption Application. Mart & Dee Hollenbeck spoke on the flooding in 1993, 2010 & 2019.

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to go into closed session at 3:34 p.m. for legal advice from the County Attorney. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to go out of closed session at 3:50 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Hollenbeck closed the Public Hearing at 3:52 p.m.

Motion by Smith: Due to the additional information that was presented to us we feel as a Board we need to reschedule a meeting for April 18th at 1:00 p.m. and seconded by Sybrant. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

There being no further business motion made by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to adjourn at 4:09 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Wade D. Hollenbeck, Chairman of the Board

Attest: S/Daunitta J. Buoy, County Clerk

