

Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Call to order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order by Dennis Wartgow, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Robert Kopisch, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow, Rachel Hoffman (UW-Extension), Larry Meives (Land Conservation). Also present: Evan Lund, Art Lersch, Jason Hastings

Items for discussion and possible action:

Zoning – Evan Lund

1. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call as noted above. Also present Amanda McMeekin.
2. Public Comment and Communications: David Schmidt (remote), Town of Lake regarding items #12 and #13.
3. Public hearing declared open at 9:05 for the Conditional Use Permit filed by Henry Rauschenbach and Michelle Rauschenbach (Triple H Properties LLC) for the purpose of building storage units on property located in the Town of Eisenstein. Amanda reviewed list of notices sent. One communication was received from John Kunding, Town of Eisenstein, requesting limitations. Hearing declared closed at 9:09 a.m.
4. Decision on Conditional Use Permit filed by Henry Rauschenbach and Michelle Rauschenbach. Motion Barkstrom/Strobl to approve the conditional use permit filed by Henry Rauschenbach and Michelle Rauschenbach. Motion carried.
5. Public hearing declared open at 9:16 a.m. for the Special Exception Permit filed by Henry Rauschenbach and Michelle Rauschenbach (Triple H Properties LLC) for the purpose of building storage buildings 33' to the centerline of Kunding Road on property located in the Town of Eisenstein. Amanda reviewed list of notices sent. No correspondence received. Public hearing declared closed at 9:21 a.m.
6. Decision on Special Exception Permit filed by Henry Rauschenbach and Michelle Rauschenbach. Motion Kopisch/Strobl to approve the special exception permit filed by Henry Rauschenbach and Michele Rauschenbach. Motion carried.
7. Land Division filed by Patrick Beil, on behalf of Terry Mantor, to create 1 lot, Town of Fifield: Motion Barkstrom/Strobl to approve the land division filed by Patrick Beil, on behalf of Terry Mantor. Motion carried.
8. Land Division filed by Deborah Richter, on behalf of Richard and Karen Dums, to create 1 lot, Town of Eisenstein. Motion Strobl/Erickson to approve the land division filed by Deborah Richter on behalf of Richard and Karen Dums. Motion carried.
9. Review Conditional use permit granted to Tracy Stich for a short-term rental (N9155 Elk River Rd, Town of Elk): Noncompliance of a November 2021 permit. Septic inspection not done as required. Motion Kopisch/Erickson to revoke the conditional use permit issued to Tracy Stich for noncompliance. Motion Kopisch/Erickson to amend motion to include noncompliance "of required septic system inspection". Motion carried. Amended motion carried.
10. Review Conditional use permit granted to Steven and Doreen Suhajda for a short-term rental (N16825 Buechner Rd, Town of Lake): Septic inspection not done as required. Motion Barkstrom/Strobl to revoke the conditional use permit issued to Steven and Doreen Suhajda for noncompliance of required septic system inspection. Motion carried.
11. Review Conditional use permit granted to Steven Dobberfuhr for a short-term rental (W8916 Woodland LN, Town of Lake): Septic inspection not done as required. Motion Kopisch/Erickson to revoke the conditional use permit granted to Steven Dobberfuhr for noncompliance of required septic system inspection. Motion carried.
12. Amend Ordinance – Chapter 530. Zoning; Article XV Conditional Uses; §69 Short-term Rentals: Motion Barkstrom/Strobl to approve the amendments to Chapter 530, Zoning; Article XV Conditional Uses; §69 Short-term Rentals. Motion Kopisch/Erickson to approve the edits as discussed. Motion carried. Amended motion carried.
13. Zoning Department Fee Schedule: Motion Kopisch/Erickson to approve the department fee schedule as discussed to be effective January 1, 2024. Motion carried.
14. Department Report: Remain busy with permitting.
15. Zoning financial reports: Reviewed.
16. This portion of the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Land Conservation – Evan Lund

17. This portion of the meeting called to order at 10:37 a.m. Roll call as noted above. Also present Luke Irish, USDA.
18. Public Comment and Communications: None.
19. Wildlife Damage Program – Luke Irish
  - a. 2024-2028 Cooperative Service Agreement: Luke reviewed the program. Motion Erickson/Strobl to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried.
  - b. 2024 Budget: Moton Kopisch/Barkstrom to approve the 2024 budget as presented. Motion carried.
20. Department report: Preparing for snowmobile bridge project. Finishing up cost share projects.
21. Land Conservation financial reports: Reviewed.
22. This portion of the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Miscellaneous:

23. Minutes from September 28, 2023 Meeting: Motion Barkstrom/Strobl to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
24. Committee Vouchers: Motion Kopisch/Erickson to approve the voucher in the amount of \$4,024.99. Motion carried.
25. Set Next Meeting Dates: December 21, January 18

UW-Extension – Art Lersch

26. This portion of the meeting called to order at 10:50 a.m. Roll call as noted above
27. Public Comment and Communications: None.
28. UW-Extension 2024 Budget: Reviewed.
29. Price County / UW-Extension 2024 Contract: Reviewed. Motion Barkstrom/Erickson to approve the contract as presented and forward to the County Administrator for signatory. Motion carried.
30. UW-Extension Staffing: Possibility of support staff going from a County position to a UW System position. County position currently at 40%.
  - a. Youth Development Programming: Possible AmeriCorps volunteer for the 4-H program.
  - b. Community Development Agent: Could address economic development and lack of daycare concerns. Discussion of what assistance this position could offer to businesses and government entities. Art will bring back more information.
31. Area Extension Director Updates: State-wide conference November 1-3.
32. UW Extension financial reports: Reviewed.
33. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk