Pipestone County Board of Adjustments Variance Public Hearing Minutes

Monday, March 3, 2025

Board members present:, Curt Johnson, Travis Dethlefs, Dan Miller, and Tom Bobendrier

Absent:

Others present: Dallas Roskamp, Dan Uilk, Kevin Uilk, Cal Hulstein, Eric Grenon, Kyle Kuphal, and Kyle Krier

Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the January 13, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Miller seconded by Dethlefs to approve minutes as printed, motion passed.

Johnson then opened the public hearing on the request by Eocycle requesting to be less than the required property line setback of 1.1 times the total vertical height of wind towers on the following property. Hord Farms Holdings, LLP, Southeast quarter of section 25 Rock Township (T-107-N, R-44-W) Pipestone County.

Eric Grenon explained that he is proposing to construct a wind tower just like the other ones that were approved last month. This tower will be located just north of barn and will meet the required 1.1 times the height from road right of way.

Johnson then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none the public hearing was closed at 5:03.

Following Discussion, Motion was made by Dethlefs to approve the variance as presented with the condition that a minimum base setback of 5' from property lines be met, Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed

Johnson then opened the public hearing on the request by Uilk Farms to construct a bin site expansion less than the required 200-foot stream setback requirement on the following property. Northeast quarter of section 18 Sweet Township (T-106-N, R-46-W) Pipestone County.

Dan and Kevin Uilk presented that they are planning to expand their bin site to the south of the existing bins. There isn't room to the north and with infrastructure there already it makes the most sense. Krier said that he and the DNR area hydrologist did a site inspection and DNR staff said it bins are constructed as presented he has no issues with expansion. Krier said that there is a depressional wetland south of the proposed bin site that can not be filled. Krier also commented that the east most bin recently constructed is located within the floodplain and was elevated to a minimum of 1 foot above the flood elevation. Krier said any of the new proposed bins would also be required to be 1 foot above the floodplain elevation and recommended that be included as a condition if approved.

Johnson then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none the public hearing was closed at 5:10.

Following Discussion, Motion was made by Miller to approve the variance as presented with the condition that the bins be a minimum of 1 foot above the flood elevation, Bobendrier seconded the motion. Motion passed

There being no further business as the Pivot Energy MN Solar 24 LLC variance has been withdrawn, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Curt Johnson, Board Chairman

Kyle Krier, Pipestone County Zoning Administrator