

Pipestone County Board of Adjustments

Variance Public Hearing Minutes

Monday, April 21, 2025

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

Absent: Tom Bobendrier

Others present: Matt, Kelly, and Tate Brinkmeyer, and Kyle Krier

Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the March 3, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Dethlefs seconded by Miller to approve minutes as printed, motion passed.

Johnson then opened the public hearing on the request by Brinkmeyer Farms (Matt Brinkmeyer)/Harold Brinkmeyer RLT, to expand an existing feedlot greater than the allowable animal units based on setback to the nearest residence. The proposal would increase the animal unit count to 4,999, which would require a minimum setback of 4,874 feet to the nearest residence. The proposed site is located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Fountain Prairie Township (T-108-N and R-45-W) Pipestone County.

Matt explained that he would like to construct 2 – 2,000 head beef barns with slatted floors and concrete pit below barn. This will be a 2 – 3-year process. Barns will be approximately 68' x 1,200' with a 12' below barn pit. There will also be some type of runoff control done on the existing open lots that are onsite. This may include a dam type containment that will then be put into an open lagoon. Plans for this have not been developed at this time. Miller asked how often pits would be pumped. Matt said, once a year there may be a little pumped in the spring but mostly in fall. Kelly said they will have a manure management plan that is maintained by centrol. Discussion was held on how many acres will manure cover. Matt said a rule of thumb is about ½ ac per animal unit.

Johnson then asked if there were any other comments, hearing none the public hearing was closed at 7:08.

The Board then went through the finds of fact questions to support the approval or denial.

1. Yes, ag use just adding more cattle
2. Yes, not able to expand the operation
3. Yes, due to neighboring residents
4. Yes
5. No
6. Yes

Following Discussion, Motion was made by Miller to approve the variance as presented with the condition that a minimum base setback 2,000 feet be maintained from the nearest neighbor for the expansion up to 4,999 animal units, Dethlefs seconded the motion. Motion passed

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Curt Johnson, Board Chairman

Kyle Krier, Pipestone County Zoning Administrator