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REDWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 15, 2021

A meeting of the Redwood County Board of Adjustment convened on Wednesday, the 15th day of September, 2021. The meeting consisted of one public hearing. The meeting was convened at 11085 State Hwy 68, Milroy. The following Board of Adjustment members were present: Dan Tauer, John Rohlik, and John Schueller. The following individuals were also present: Joshua Leach, Dan Leach, and Redwood County Land Use & Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek.

At 8:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Tauer.

Chair Tauer opened a public hearing on an *Application for Variance*, Permit Application No. 3-21v, submitted by Joshua Leach. Prior to the Board of Adjustment meeting, the Board of Adjustment members were provided an informational packet which included the following information regarding the matter:

1. Joshua Leach is proposing to construct a new total confinement cattle feedlot on his farm site located at 11085 State Hwy 68, Milroy. The feedlot will consist of one 110' x 36' barn housing approximately 105 beef cattle (105 animal units).
2. The feedlot will be located 500 feet south of the nearest neighboring residence, located at 11067 State Hwy 68. Feedlots between 100 and 200 Aus in size are subject to a ¼ mile setback (1320 feet). Consequently, Leach is requesting a variance of 820 feet to the required setback from a neighboring dwelling.
3. The three next nearest neighboring dwellings are located 2000', 2300', and 2500' away, respectively, from the proposed feedlot.
4. A public hearing will be held on September 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. regarding an Application for Variance filed by Joshua Leach, landowner, pursuant to Redwood County Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Sections 153.026 to the required setback between a feedlot and a neighboring dwelling set forth in Redwood County Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Section 153.290.
5. Pursuant to Redwood County Ordinance, written notice shall be provided to all property owners of record within five hundred (500) feet of the affected property via U.S. Mail as to the time and place of the public hearing. Further, written notice shall also be provided to the affected board of township supervisors and the municipal council of any municipality within two (2) miles of the affected property.

The following information was presented to and considered by the Redwood County Board of Adjustment at the public hearing:

Joshua Leach was present to explain the project. He made the following statements about the application:

- Leach is proposing to construct a pole shed for finishing cattle.
- The shed will measure approximately 30'x110' with an outdoor lot.
- He might use part of the building for hay and machinery storage.
- All areas, in the building and the open lot, where animals are kept, will be concrete floor.
- The building will be open to the south and the lot will be on that side.
- The north side of the building will be open wall for now. Curtains may be added later depending on how much the building protects the livestock from the weather.
- He hasn't decided what manure storage will look like. He may build a concrete pad east of the finishing building. Most manure will be immediately hauled away and spread on nearby farm fields. The Leaches have 500 acres within 3 miles they can apply the manure to. Manure will only be stockpiled between planting and harvesting wheat in July. They plant wheat and small grains each year.

No one spoke in opposition to the variance.

Schueller made a motion to approve the variance as requested. The motion was seconded by Rohlik and the variance was approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held regarding the Minutes of the Board of Adjustment meeting held on the 13th day of May, 2021. On a motion made by Rohlik and seconded by Schueller, it was moved and passed unanimously that said minutes be approved as presented.

The meeting was then adjourned.



Nick Brozek, Land Use and Zoning Supervisor
Redwood County Environmental Office



Dan Tauer, Chair
Redwood County Board of Adjustment