

TO: Redwood County Planning Commission

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RE: Planning Commission Hearing on August 25, 2026



A meeting of the Redwood County Planning Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, the 25th day of August, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Redwood County Government Center, 403 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283.

The meeting will involve four (4) public hearings. A brief summary of the subject matter of each hearing is set forth below.

1. Public Hearing on Application for Extraction Interim Use Permit (11-26) submitted by Brian Kletscher

Mr. Kletscher is seeking to re-permit and expand an existing gravel pit on property he owns in Section 22, Vesta Township. The pit was originally permitted in 2011 and re-permitted in 2021. Mr. Kletscher wants to re-permit the existing pit area and expand the extraction area to 26.17 acres.

The site is located on the north side of 300th Street, about 1 mile south of the City of Vesta. The site is located in the Agricultural District. Mining is an interim use in the Agricultural District. The pit will be accessed from 300th Street, via an existing approach, about ¼ of a mile east of County Hwy 10.

Gravel and fill material will be removed as needed for construction projects. At the end of the permit term, the site will be graded and sloped to no more than 2:1 slope with a pond near the center of the permitted area. The site will be seeded with approved grass seed mixture or converted to farmland. The requested permit term is 10 years, to be completed on September 2, 2036.

There is currently zero to 1.5 feet of topsoil on the site, covering a 10-to-18-foot layer of gravel and sand, with clay underneath. The maximum depth of excavation will be to the bottom of the gravel and sand layer.

The closest County Ditch to the site is CD 33, an open ditch running more or less west to east, about 950 feet south of the site. There is no county drainage tile within 1 mile of the site.

According to the soil maps for the site, the soil types present are Estherville sandy loam 0 to 2 percent slopes, and Estherville sandy loam 2 to 6 percent slopes.

There is an emergent wetland adjacent to the site and several excavation-created emergent wetlands within the site. Review of the possible wetland impacts by the Soil and Water office is pending.

The three nearest dwellings to the proposed site are as follows: 30427 CSAH 10 (Jordan & Anna Goblisch), about 1650 feet northwest of the site; 30242 CSAH 10 (William & Terri Goblisch), about 1945 feet west of the site; and 19099 295th Street (Travis & Jennifer Welch), about 2650 feet south of the site.

Copies of the Extraction Interim Use Permit application, maps, plans, and proposed permit conditions are enclosed.

2. Public Hearing on Application for Extraction Interim Use Permit (12-26) submitted by Travis Brey of Brey Tiling and Excavation on behalf of landowner Anthony Kramer

Brey is seeking a 10-year permit to mine gravel and fill material from two areas adjacent to an existing pit on the Kramer property. The northern portion of the proposed site currently has a temporary grading and filling permit until September 15th, 2026.

The site is located on the south side of 295th St. in Section 9 of Granite Rock Township. The property is zoned Agricultural. Extraction is an interim use in the Agricultural District.

The permit will cover three acres. The extraction area includes an area north of the existing pit, on which there is currently a temporary grading and filling permit, and east of the previously excavated area.

No structures will be located on site. The duration of the extraction operation is ten (10) years, to be completed on September 1, 2036.

At the end of the ten (10) year period all extraction will cease, and the area will be reclaimed by leveling and grading the ground and covering with stockpiled topsoil so as not to exceed a 3:1 slope. The excavated areas will be turned into a pond and/or spread with topsoil and seeded. All stockpiles will be removed or leveled.

Judicial Ditch 31 is approximately 500 feet south of the site. There is no county tile located on the proposed site.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory, there is a Freshwater Emergent Wetland and a Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland located adjacent to the proposed existing pit. There are no other wetlands located on the site.

The closest third-party dwellings to the site are as follows: (1) 18415 270th St. (Paul Kramer), about 375 feet west of the site; (2) 26409 County Hwy 10 (Melanie Steffen), about 2,675 feet southeast of the site; and (3) 26938 Eagle Ave. (Allan and Lois Raduenz, about 2,900 feet west of the site.

A copy of the Extraction Interim Use Permit application, maps, plans, and proposed permit conditions are enclosed.

3. Public Hearing on Application for Conditional Use Permit (13-26) submitted by Lane Albrecht of Albrecht Wind Energy on behalf of landowner Jason Kainz

Lane Albrecht is seeking to construct one wind turbine, approximately 105' in height, on a building site owned by Jason and Jennifer Kainz. The turbine is rated at 25kW.

The property is located in the Agricultural District. In said district, a noncommercial WECS is a Conditional Use. A noncommercial WECS is a WECS equal to or greater than 20 kW in total generating capacity, based on the combined total generating capacity of the WECS constructed as a single development.

There are no county tile lines or county ditches near the site. The site is 470 feet from an unnamed stream. FCC approval is pending.

The closest third-party dwellings to the site are as follows: (1) 11556 County Hwy 20 (Jarad Rykhus), about 2,325 feet southwest of the site; (2) 12551 Balsa Ave (Chad and Stacie Buysse), about 2,375 feet northeast of the site; (3) 12407 County Hwy 20 (Jayson Fultz), about 2,395 feet southeast of the site; and (4) 12410 County Hwy 20 (Matt and Ashley Otto), about 2,400 feet southeast of the site.

A copy of the Conditional Use Permit application, maps, plans, and proposed permit conditions are enclosed.

4. Public Hearing on Application for Conditional Use Permit (14-26) submitted by Lane Albrecht of Albrecht Wind Energy on behalf of landowner Dennis Tauer

Lane Albrecht is seeking to construct one wind turbine, approximately 105' in height, on a hog barn site owned by Dennis Tauer and Christine Forry-Tauer. The turbine is rated at 25kW, and it will be used to power the livestock barns.

The property is located in the Agricultural District. In said district, a noncommercial WECS is a Conditional Use. A noncommercial WECS is a WECS equal to or greater than 20 kW in total generating capacity, based on the combined total generating capacity of the WECS constructed as a single development.

There is a county tile line located on the site, approximately 1,350' south of the proposed wind turbine. There are no nearby county ditches or other waterbodies. FCC approval is pending.

The closest third-party dwellings to the site are as follows: (1) 41256 190th St. (Jason Wendt) about 1,120 feet east of the site; (2) 19233 Porter Ave. (Martha Tauer), about 1,685 feet north of the site; and 41600 190th St. (Fred Jr. and Karen Dauer), about 2,530 feet east of the site.

A copy of the Conditional Use Permit application, maps, plans, and proposed permit conditions are enclosed.