

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
JANUARY 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting of the Goodhue County Board of Adjustment was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Ellingsberg in the Goodhue County Justice Center Jury Assembly Room in Red Wing, Minnesota.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Brandon Schafer, Mike Hinsch, Richard Mallan, Howard Stenerson, Rich Ellingsberg, Robert Benson

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Planner/Zoning Administrator Mike Wozniak, Zoning Assistant Benjamin Hoyt, Zoning Assistant Casey MacCallum

2. Approval of Agenda

¹Motion by M. Hinsch, and seconded by R. Benson to approve the January 25, 2016 meeting agenda

Motion carried 6:0.

3. Approval of Minutes

²Motion by R. Benson and seconded by H. Stenerson to approve the November 23, 2015 minutes as amended

Motion carried 6:0.

4. Conflict of Interest/Disclosure: None

Public Hearing:

- 5. Richard Lund/Bruce Holst** - Parcel ID 32.015.0800, Part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15 in Florence Township. The request is for a variance from the Goodhue County Subsurface Sewage Treatment (SSTS) Ordinance of 10ft from the soil adsorption area to a dwelling rather than the required 20ft.

Richard Lund and Bruce Holst were present for comment.

Mike Wozniak presented the staff report and summarized the request:

R. Mallan asked if the well had been sealed.

Richard Lund clarified that the well mentioned in the staff report had been sealed.

B. Schafer asked if 10ft was enough.

Bruce Holst said that the 10ft closer alleviates many problems with construction of the soil treatment area.

H. Stenerson asked why holding tanks were not possible, and wanted to verify that this request met practical difficulty.

M. Wozniak said that holding tanks are reserved as a last resort for sewage treatment and verified that the request met practical difficulty.

Chair Ellingsberg opened the public hearing.

No one spoke for or against the request.

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After Chair Ellingsberg asked three times for comments it was moved by M. Hinsch and seconded by H. Stenerson to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6:0

There was no further discussion

³ Motion by H. Stenerson seconded by B. Schafer that the Board of Adjustment: Accepts the staff report into the record, adopts the findings of fact, and approves the variance to the Minnesota adopted standards ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1 of the Goodhue County Subsurface Sewage Treatment (SSTS) Ordinance in order to install a septic drain field 10 feet closer to a dwelling than the required 20 feet. on Parcel ID 32.015.0800, Part of the NW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ Section 15 in Florence Township.

- 1. Completion of all necessary permits.***
- 2. Conformance with the application submitted to Goodhue County Land Use Management Office 12/23/2015.***

Rights granted by the variance expire one year from the date of approval if not exercised; variance expiration date: 1/25/2017.

Motion carried 6:0

Elections:

⁴Motion by H. Stenerson seconded by M. Hinsch to appoint Vice Chair Robert Benson as Chair.

Motion carried 6:0.

⁵Motion by B. Schafer seconded by R. Mallan to nominate Mike Hinsch as Vice Chair.

Motion carried 6:0.

There were no other nominations

⁶Motion by B. Schafer seconded by R. Mallan to elect Mike Hinsch as Vice Chair.

Motion carried 6:0.

Staff Updates:

M. Wozniak informed the board of upcoming discussions regarding feedlot regulations, and the upcoming 2016 Comprehensive plan update.

⁷Motion by R. Mallan seconded by M. Hinsch to adjourn the January 25, 2016 Board of Adjustment meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Motion carried 6:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin Hoyt, Recording Secretary

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⁴ APPOINT Robert Benson as Chair. Motion carried 6:0.

⁵ NOMINATE M. Hinsch as Vice Chair. Motion carried 6:0.

⁶ ELECT M. Hinsch Vice Chair Motion carried 6:0.

⁷ ADJOURN the January 25, 2016 Board of Adjustment meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried 6:0.