

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
April 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES
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The meeting of the Goodhue County Board of Adjustment was called to order at 5:01 PM by Chair Daniel Knott at the Goodhue County Government Center Board Room.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Keith Allen, Daniel Knott, Dennis Tebbe, Scott Breuer, and Darwin Fox.

Commissioners Absent: Randy Rechtzigel

Staff Present: Zoning Administrator Samantha Pierret, and Zoning Administrative Assistant Patty Field

1. Approval of Agenda

¹Motion by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Breuer to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion carried 5:0

2. Approval of Minutes

²Motion by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve the previous month's meeting minutes.

Motion carried 4:0 (Commissioner Tebbe abstained)

3. Conflict/Disclosure of Interest

There were no reported conflicts/disclosures of interest.

4. Public Hearings:

PUBLIC HEARING: Request for Variance to Minimum Setback Standards

Request for Variance, submitted by John Trelstad (Owner) to A-1 Zoning District standards to allow the construction of an addition less than 60-feet from the 195th Avenue Right-of-Way. Parcel 39.008.1000. 47406 195th Avenue Way Zumbrota, MN 55992. Part of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 08 TWP 109 Range 15 in Pine Island Township. A1 Zoned District.

Pierret presented the staff report and attachments.

Chair Knott opened the Public Hearing

No one spoke for or against the request.

³After Chair Knott asked three times for comments it was moved by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Tebbe to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried 5:0

Commissioner Fox asked if staff was out at the site.

Pierret indicated she did go out to the site and the last two pictures are ones she took.

Commissioner Fox stated he is quite familiar with the road. It's a regular township road. Part of the reason for setback distances is so snow plowing does not negatively affect structures built too close to the right-of-way. The proposed addition location makes the most sense due to the design of the house. He stated he would have no problem supporting this.

Commissioner Knott asked if there were any comments from the Township, other than the signed application.

Pierret stated that there were no other comments.

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Commissioner Knott said they are still 53 feet from the right-of-way, which is plenty of room for road maintenance.

Commissioner Tebbe said he agrees with Commissioner Fox. He feels there is adequate room if they should need to expand the road and for plowing in the winter. He would also support this request.

⁴Motion by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Tebbe for the Board of Adjustment to:

- adopt the staff report into the record;
- adopt the findings of fact;
- accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and

APPROVE the request for a variance, submitted by John Trelstad (Owner) to A-1 Zoning District standards to allow the construction of a dwelling addition 53 feet from the 195th Avenue Right-of-Way.

Motion carried 5:0

5. Other-Discussion

Chair Knott stated the next meeting is slated for May 22nd and asked if there were any agenda items yet.

Pierret stated there are no agenda items yet but this week is application week.

Commissioner Fox said that there was a lengthy conversation at last week's Planning Commission Meeting regarding definitions for Rural Tourism, Agricultural Operations, and Farming.

Discussion continued regarding the proposed changes.

⁵**Motion by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Tebbe to adjourn the BOA meeting at 5:28 PM.**

Motion carried 5:0

Respectfully submitted:

Patty Field, Zoning Administrative Assistant

MOTIONS

¹ APPROVE the BOA meeting agenda.

Motion carried 5:0

² APPROVE the previous month's meeting minutes.

Motion carried 4:0 (Commissioner Tebbe abstained)

³ Motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried 5:0

⁴ APPROVE the Variance request to A-1 Zoning District standards.

Motion carried 5:0

⁵ ADJOURN

Motion carried 5:0