

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Board of Adjustment
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Lyle Femrite. Board of Adjustment members present were Lyle Femrite, Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Chuck Grams and Perry Wood. Planning & Zoning staff members Mark Manderfeld, Mark Schulte and George Leary were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2013 meeting of the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Grams seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Leary indicated there was no change to the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

BOA 04-13

Charles F. Walser Trust and Nicholas Walser - Request for a variance to reduce the required feedlot-dwelling setback of 500 feet to a feedlot with less than 50 animal units to 250 feet for the purpose of construction a new single family dwelling. The property is zoned agricultural and is located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, Danville Township.

Mr. Manderfeld presented the staff report.

The applicant was present.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Femrite asked how approval of the request might affect the expansion possibilities of the nearby feedlot.

Mr. Leary indicated a variance would be required.

Mr. Wood asked about the right to farm provision of the code that is commonly included with rural subdivision plats and how it may apply to this variance request.

Mr. Leary indicated that similar language could be included to the findings used in the decision of the variance.

Mr. Wood also asked about the possible expansion options of the neighboring feedlot.

Mr. Femrite stated that they too would go through a variance process.

Mr. Femrite asked the applicant if he had given any thought to the possibility that the neighboring feedlot could possibly be expanded.

Mr. Walser indicated he had no problem with that possibility.

There was no further discussion.

Bill Anderson made a motion bypass the findings of fact checklist and to approve of the request with the addition of “right to farm” language added to the findings used for the approval of the request.

Mr. Wood seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. ADJORNMENT

There was no further business. Kurt Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Grams. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Board of Adjustment Chair

Board of Adjustment Secretary