

COMMITTEE MEETING

March 3, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Room #264, Grant County Board Room, Administration Building
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on March 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. by Joe Mumm, the Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning Committee Chairman in Room #264, County Board Room of the Administration Building.

Board members present in the County Board room #264: Joe Mumm, Roger Lange, Pat Schroeder, Larry Jerrett, Gary Northouse, Excused, Brian Lucey on Zoom. Others present in the County Board room; Annette Lolwing, Keith Lane, Brady Bartels, Adam Reed, Shane Drinkwater, Robert Keeney, Nate Dreckman, Shane Drinkwater, Steve Morgan, John Rutkowski, and Keith Keuter. Those on Zoom: Tonya White, Keith Lane, Shane Drinkwater, Troy Maggied, Gary VanNatta, Jim Bergles, Mike Adams, Emily Schildgen, Pete Moris, Robert Keeney, Gail Winkers, Grant County Herald Independent, Christy, and Grant County Board Room.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to the County Clerk's office to post in the Administration Building, Courthouse, and on the County website. An agenda was also posted in front of the Ag Service Center Building. An agenda was also sent to Bob Middendorf, WGLR. Media notices were sent to the County Clerk's office and the Grant County Herald Independent, and Bob Middendorf.

Approval of Agenda March 3, 2026, Agenda

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of February 5, 2026, Minutes

Motion by Roger Lange, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve February 5, 2026, minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the February Bills

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Lange, to accept the February bills. Motion carried.

NRCS Report – Mike Adams

Mike mentioned that they are still working on EQIP rankings. Deadline is March 18th which gives all the applications a score and a dollar amount asking for incentive payments for the conservation practices that are being applied for. Regenerative pilot program which runs through the normal EQIP and CSP programs. This focuses on soil health testing. They are receiving several burn plan requests to burn their CRP acres.

FSA Report – Emily Schildgen

Emily mentioned that they opened the Continuous CRP Signup for 2026 on February 13, 2026. The continuous CRP sign up has an acreage cap. The first CRP batching for continuous will be March 20th. General CRP Signup will open on March 9th and will close on April 17th. Rental rates dropped quite a bit last year. Rental rates this year are similar to last year. CRP Management workshop scheduled with Pheasants Forever will be held on March 18th at the Schreiner Memorial Library.

FSA has the Farmers Bridge Assistance (FSA) opened on Monday, February 23rd and will close on April 17th. These payments are based on the 2025 planted acres.

Emily also mentioned the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC)/Price Loss Coverage (PLC) have had some changes to the programs. There was a Dairy Margin Coverage Program sign up that ended February 26th. There was a margin for January 2026 already.

Zoning/Sanitation Report

Keith presented the Zoning/Sanitation report.

Sanitation permits: For the month of February 1, 2025, through February 28, 2025, there were 5 sanitary permits issued. Year to date 2025, there were 9 permits issued. For the month of February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, there were 11 sanitary permits issued. Year to date for 2026 were 15 sanitary permits issued.

Zoning permits: For the month of February 1, 2025, through February 28, 2025, there were 5 zoning permits issued. Year to date in 2025 there were 9 zoning permits issued. For the month of February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, there were 11 zoning permits issued. Year to date for 2026 there were 13 zoning permits issued.

Also in the packet was the DSPS letter that came in from the POWTS 3-year audit.

Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#CUP26-002 Rutkowski Brothers Land LLC, Ellenboro Twp., are requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:014-00759-0010 +/- 27.66 ac. to allow for the continual use of nonmetallic mining under section 3.14 (2) (a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Ellenboro Twp. approved on February 4, 2026.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: No conditions were placed by the Township on this parcel.

Applicant Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: None

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Pat Schroeder to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Roger Lange.

Motion carried. See Attachment A Worksheet.

Public Hearing for Ordinance Adoption

Petition #26-02 Ordinance Adoption request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Large Solar Energy Generating Facilities. No wording has been changed. Public Notice has been published for 2 weeks. If approved by this committee it then goes on to full County Board for approval. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Lange to approve this to go on to the full County Board. Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused, Citizen member not able to vote. Motion carried.

Petition #26-03 Ordinance Adoption request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities. No wording has been changed. Public Notice has been published for 2 weeks. If approved by this committee it then goes on to full County Board for approval. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Lange to approve this to go on to the full County Board. Roll Call; 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused, Citizen member not able to vote. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$46,662.50 / Ending Balance \$46,662.50

None to Report

2025 DATCP Cost-Sharing Requests:

None to Report

2026 DATCP Cost-Sharing Requests: Beginning Balance \$72,000.00 / Ending Balance \$72,000.00

Brady presented a tentative approval request for 2026 DATCP cost sharing for a grassed waterway project for Karen Yelinek, Clifton Twp., \$2,800.00. Motion by Roger Lange, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve Yelinek's request. Motion carried.

Brady presented a tentative approval request for 2026 DATCP cost sharing for a stream crossing and access road for Mark and Renee Vosberg, Hazel Green, Twp., \$7,876.60. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve Vosberg's request. Motion carried.

Brady presented a tentative approval request for 2026 DATCP cost sharing for a stream crossing for Travis & Ashley Mumm, Clifton Twp., \$5,889.80. Motion by Roger Lange, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve Mumm's request. Motion carried.

FPP Report – Brady Bartels

Steve has been working through the FPP master list and getting the 2026 spot checks ready. Letters to landowners will be going out in the mail soon stating that this year is their spot check.

Storage Permit Approval – Brady Bartels

Nothing to report.

MDV Priority List

Keith mentioned that Grant County has received \$108,000.00 MDV funding so far. This will be used in the HUC 8 area which is from Hwy 18 to Hwy 151. These funds can be used for any conservation practice. Assembled a listing of water bodies in Grant County and what impacts those waters. Will be concentrating on water bodies that have an excessive phosphorus load.

CSZD Report

Conservation: March 2026 overview...

Keith went through a few of the highlights from the March overview notes that were handed out.

1. Keith mentioned that the tree sale is closed. We had 122 tree orders, selling 9,850 trees/shrubs.
2. A second order of 1,000 tree tubes have been ordered.
3. Trees will be available to pick up on Friday, May 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
4. There was a NMP procedures/writers meeting with DATCP facilitated by our office on February 9th.
5. Brady and Keith attended a DATCP sponsored Soil Engineer training in Richland Center.
6. Taylor and Brady are still working on the construction plan for the County Farm Project.
7. The Land and Water Conference is March 4-6th at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.

Zoning:

1. Keith reported that Adam has completed 11, 2023 post construction inspections and 23, 2024 post construction inspections and 2 pre-construction/3post construction 2025 inspections.
2. Lucas will be out in the field doing his own inspections and Adam doing his own pre & post inspections.

Sanitation:

1. Keith reported that there were 2 tank installations in January.
2. DSPS completed their audit on February 13th.
3. In 2024, there are 7 permits open with two set to expire in the next two months. Two permits have been renewed for another 2 years.
4. In 2025, there were a total of 40 permits left open.
5. In 2026, we're up to 10 permits. There are 7 permits left from last year that are waiting on money or proper paperwork to be submitted.
6. Continue with field reviews to close outstanding permits where possible.

7. The Plumbers and Pumpers newsletter is ready to go out, and maintenance forms will be mailed later this month.
8. In the packet there is a document that explains how we would like to match the sanitation permit time duration to the same time duration of the zoning permit.

The next meeting date will be April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Larry Jerrett, seconded by Roger Lange to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing

BEFORE GRANT COUNTY
CONSERVATION, SANITATION AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
FOR RUTKOWSKI BROTHERS LAND LLC
7671 BUNKER HILL RD, PLATTEVILLE, WI 53818

FINDINGS OF FACT

The agency finds that:

1. Rutkowski Brothers Land LLC owns property located within the NE ¼ and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼, of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 2 West, Ellenboro Township, Grant County, WI. Such property consists of tax parcel number PIN:014-00759-0010.
2. On December 18th, 2025, the CSZD office communicated with John Rutkowski about the active CUP expiring on 3/4/26.
3. On February 4th, 2026, the Ellenboro Township Town Board approved the request for the conditional use permit, 3 voting in-favor, 0 opposed. There were no conditions placed on the permit by the Town Board.
4. On February 6th, 2026, the CSZD office received the completed application.
5. On March 3rd, 2026, the CSZC reviewed the CUP request through a public hearing and determined the findings of fact to **approve** or **deny** the CUP application.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION

1. The CSZC (hereinafter referred to as the agency) has the authority pursuant to the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Ch. 315 Subsection 3.27 (5) to issue or deny conditional use permits. Prior to granting or denying a conditional use, the agency shall make a findings of fact based on evidence presented, issue a determination whether the standards of the ordinance are met, and require additional conditions, as needed. Based upon the above findings and information provided at the public hearing, the CSZD finds that the conditional use **does** or **does not** meet the following criteria:

2. The agency under Ch. 315 Subsection 3.27 (5) (c) shall consider the following criteria:
 - (1) That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare;
 - (2) That the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood;
 - (3) That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district;
 - (4) That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and/or necessary facilities have been or are being provided;
 - (5) That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets;
 - (6) That adequate prevention and control of water pollution including sedimentation are being provided;
 - (7) That adequate measures will be taken to sustain existing topographic and drainage features and vegetation cover on the site;
 - (8) That adequate location of the site with respect to flood plains and floodways of bodies of water;
 - (9) That adequate consideration of erosion potential of the site based upon degree and direction of slope, soil type and vegetation cover;
 - (10) That location factors are considered which address:
 - (a) Domestic uses shall be generally preferred;
 - (b) Uses not inherently a source of pollution within an area shall be preferred over uses that are or may be a pollution source; and
 - (c) Use locations within an area tending to minimize the possibility of pollution shall be preferred over use locations tending to increase the possibility.
 - (11) That the conditional use shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located, except as such regulations may, in each instance, be modified by the Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee; and
 - (12) In the case of nonmetallic mining, the Conservation, Sanitation, & Zoning Committee shall also consider any reclamation plan submitted for the property and the reclamation plan's provisions for maintaining lateral support and for depth of the quarry pursuant to the standards set forth in Wisconsin Administration code Chapter NR 136.