

## COMMITTEE MEETING

April 2, 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 April 2, 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, and Brian Lucey. Others present in the County Board room; Annette Lolwing, Keith Lane, Brady Bartels, Traci Kane, Lucas Finley, Adam Reed, Shane Drinkwater, Robert Keeney, Nate Dreckman, Steve Morgan, Ben Schroeder, Ron McKelvey, Andy Kruser, Paula Nicholson, Melodie Betts, Sarah Bremmer, Dale & Sharon Bontreger, and Keith Keuter. Those on Zoom: Tonya White, Wepking's, Keith Lane, Robert Keeney, Shane Drinkwater, Tiffany Ehlen, Donald Kruger, Arron Richard, & GC Brown.

### **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, the Grant County Herald Independent, and Bob Middendorf.

### **Approval of Agenda April 2, 2026, Agenda**

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### **Approval of March 3, 2026, Minutes**

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve March 3, 2026, minutes with the correction on the second page – ordinance adoption - that Pat Schroeder made the motion, seconded by Roger Lange to pass the Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities ordinance adoption on to full County Board for approval. Motion carried.

### **Review & Accept the March Bills**

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Lange, to accept the February bills. Motion carried. Keith Lane stated that there is \$126,277.25 in the MDV account.

### **NRCS Report – Mike Adams**

See Attached A Report.

### **FSA Report – Emily Schildgen**

See Attached B Report.

### **Zoning/Sanitation Report**

Keith presented the Zoning/Sanitation report.

Sanitation permits: For the month of March 2025, there were 7 plan revisions and/or reconnects and 9 new or replacement sanitary permits issued. Year to date 2025, there were 18 permits issued. For the month of March

2026, there were 2 reconnect permits and 6 new sanitary permits issued. Year to date for 2026 there were 20 sanitary permits issued.

Zoning permits: For the month of March 2025, there were 26 zoning permits issued. Year to date in 2025 there were 54 zoning permits issued. For the month of March 2026, there were 37 zoning permits issued. Year to date for 2026 there were 54 zoning permits issued.

### **Public Hearing for Rezones**

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#RZ26-02 Kruser Construction LLC, Jamestown Twp., is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN: 026-00109-0000 +/- 0.6 ac. from R1 to R3 for the existing home.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on February 10, 2026. Andy Kruser

In Opposition: Arron Richard wants the parcel zoned as commercial.

In Interest: None

Applicant Rebuttal: Andy Kruser stated that this was a residential house to start with.

Committee Discussion: Roger Lange asked Mr. Kruser what his intent is for the use of this property. Andy stated that he has removed the 2 outbuildings and the house. He is looking at building some kind of residence in that location away from the creek. Not building in the same footprint.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Pat Schroeder to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Roger Lange. Motion carried.

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#RZ26-03 Andy Kruser, Jamestown Twp., is requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN:026-00769-0000 +/- 0.3 ac. from A2 to R3 to bring the parcel into compliance with dimensional requirements and use.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on February 10, 2026. Andy Kruser.

In Opposition: 1 person registered in opposition.

In Interest: None

Applicant Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: Robert Keeney suggested that parcel 026-00770-000 be included in this rezone. Andy should combine parcel 026-00769-000 and 026-00770-0000 together. It would make better use of the property.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Gary Northouse to add parcel 026-00770-0000 to the requested 026-00769-0000 to rezone both parcels, seconded by Brian Lucey. Motion carried.

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#RZ26-04 Brett & Darion Moravits, Mt Hope Twp., are requesting to change the zoning classification on PIN:038-00412-0010 +/-1.0 ac. from FP to A2 to bring the parcel into compliance with dimensional requirements for a new home.

In Favor: Mt. Hope Twp. approved on March 11, 2026.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Applicant Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: Gary Northouse asked about the driveway access. Lucas stated that there is a 66-foot-wide easement recorded on the survey that they had done for this property. Once the old house is removed, Robert Keeney asked if they were going to be using the same septic system or would they be replacing it with a new one. Lucas stated that they will be using the existing septic system which includes an easement for the septic system.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Gary Northouse, that the items are concurrent with all the conditions on the Farmland Preservation Worksheet and to recommend approval of the rezone to the full County Board, seconded by Roger Lange.  
Motion carried. See Attachment C Worksheet.

### **Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits**

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#CUP26-003 Kenneth & Joanne Kunkel, Jamestown Twp., are requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:026-00677-0000 & 026-00657-000 +/- 39.3 ac. to allow for the continued use of nonmetallic mining under section 3.14 (2) (a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Jamestown Twp. approved on February 10, 2026. Ben Schroeder.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: The Township did not place any conditions on these parcels. Ben Schroeder stated that the quarry has grown a lot in the 5 years that it has been open.

Applicant Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: Brian Lucey asked if this conditional use is good for another 5 years. Yes, it will be.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Brian Lucey, to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Pat Schroeder.

Motion carried. See Attachment D Worksheet.

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#CUP26-004 Gerald Grimm, Muscoda Twp., is requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:042-00373-0010 (pt) +/-2.03 ac. to allow for an accessory structure prior to the establishment of a principal structure under section 3.07 (2) (a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Muscoda Twp. approved on February 11, 2026.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: No conditions were set by the Township.

Applicant Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: Robert Keeney asked about access to the property. There is a recorded 66' easement coming off Taylor Road. The easement will follow the north line of parcel 042-00373-0000 closest to the Hwy 133.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Gary Northouse, to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Roger Lange.

Motion carried. See Attachment E Worksheet.

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#CUP26-005 Lisa K. Nelson, Muscoda Twp., is requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:042-00373-0010 (pt) +/- 2.02 ac. to allow for an accessory structure prior to the establishment of a principal structure under section 3.07 (2) (a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Muscoda Twp. approved on February 11, 2026.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: There were no conditions set by the Township.

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 Gary Northouse.

Motion carried. See Attachment F Worksheet

### **Public Hearing for Ordinance Adoption**

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

Petition #26-02 request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Large Solar Energy Generating Facilities.

In Favor: None

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Applicant Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: Keith mentioned that he sat in on adopting and the problems of adopting solar ordinances being above and beyond state limits. Keith based the zoning ordinance to meet the state standards.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange to approve the zoning ordinance adoption for the regulation of Large Solar Energy Generating Facilities and to take it to the full County Board for approval.

Motion carried. See Attachment G Document.

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

Petition #26-03 request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities.

In Favor: None

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Applicant Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: Keith Lane mentioned that the difference between the large and the small, the small, would be administered by our department. It mirrors everything that the PSC would be asking for. It gives us the ability to have 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultants go through any of the permitting that would come through the CSZD office and to make sure that it meets all state and federal requirements which takes the ownness off the CSZD. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party would then allow us the ability to approve or deny the application.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the zoning ordinance adoption for the regulation of Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities and to take it to the full County Board for approval. Motion carried.

See Attachment H Document.

### **Sarah Bremmer, Geoscientist – UW Madison-Protecting Groundwater by Investigating an Aquitard in Grant**

Sarah is with the state geological survey and is housed with the UW Extension at UW Madison.

Sarah gave a presentation about the aquifers and the aquitards in Grant County. They are looking at a few landowners in Grant County to drill wells so they can look in the ground at the properties of the rock layers.

### **NR-151 Progress & Resource Analysis Sample Sites**

The NPRA (NR-151 Progress & Resources Analysis) sample sites have been released to the counties. These sites are completely picked at random by the state. Grant County has received a higher-than-average volume of sample sites, 44 sample sites. A sample site could include a “cropland sample site” which is a contiguous area of land with a common agricultural practice and management regime. This could include crop fields, animal pastures, and winter grazing areas. These sample sites will have collected data and will follow up with a report to see how well our county is following the NR-151 standards. DATCP would like this survey to be done within 3 months.

### **SWRM Grant Application Approval**

Keith reported that he has been working on the 2027 DATCP Nonpoint Source Grant Application for Staff, Support and SEG funding. We will be sending in a request for SEG funding which will support NMP Developments. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the SWRM Grant Application and send it on to DATCP. Motion carried.

**County Cost Sharing:** Beginning Balance \$46,662.50 / Ending Balance \$44,700.00

Brady presented a final approval request for county cost sharing for a well decommissioning project for Cooper & Samantha Kilberg, Liberty Twp., \$962.50. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Lange, to approve payment for Kilberg's. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Brady presented a tentative approval request for county cost sharing for a Well Decommissioning project for Sharon Weittenhiller, Castle Rock Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange to approve Sharon's request. Motion carried.

**2025 DATCP Cost-Sharing Requests:** Beginning/Ending Balance \$43,625.19

None to Report

**2026 DATCP Cost-Sharing Requests:** Beginning Balance \$55,436.60 / Ending Balance \$44,236.60

Brady presented a tentative approval request for 2026 DATCP cost sharing for 2 stream crossing projects for Leix Farms, Wingville Twp., \$5,600.00. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve Leix Farms request. Motion carried.

Brady presented a tentative approval request for 2026 DATCP cost sharing for 2 stream crossing projects for RBM Land, Wingville Twp., \$5,600.00. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve RBM Land's request. Motion carried.

#### **FPP Report – Brady Bartels**

Brady reported that Ronald J. Udelhoven, Mt. Hope Twp. has requested to voluntarily opt out of the Farmland Preservation Program as he didn't want to do a Nutrient Management Plan. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve Ronald's request. Motion carried.

Brady reported that Steven J. Udelhoven, Mt. Hope Twp has requested to voluntarily opt out of the Farmland Preservation Program as he didn't want to do a Nutrient Management Plan. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Larry Jerrett to approve Steven's request. Motion carried.

#### **Storage Permit Approval – Brady Bartels**

Nothing to report.

#### **CSZD Report**

##### **Conservation: April 2026 overview...**

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

1. Joe Mumm, Roger Lange, Keith Lane, Brady Bartels, and Steve Smith all attended the WI Land & Water conference at the Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells from March 4-6.
2. Brady Bartels received 7 engineering credits for attending approved presentations. He is required to obtain 30 credits over every three years to maintain project engineering status.
3. Brady and Keith attended the DATCP sponsored Tech Update class in Richland Center. Brady received 5 engineering credits for attending.
4. Steve Smith has identified the FP program field inspection locations and has mailed out the outreach letters. Starting to set up appointments.
5. BJB Livestock LLC has opted not to update his CREP plan and will not be haying his part of the acreage. He will continue to do maintenance on the site but no haying.
6. Trees will be available to pick up at the fairgrounds on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. They completed their first Army worm survey, that they are working with UW Extension.
8. The Land & Water Resource Management Plan is up for renewal in 2028.

9. Annual Reports are printed and will be in local papers April 16<sup>th</sup>.
10. Brady's GPS is here and is really appreciated.
11. Keith is doing an outreach for soil judging contest. He will have 4 pits dug on his farm for an April 23<sup>rd</sup> judging. This is for the local FFA chapters.

**Zoning:**

1. Keith Lane attended the WCCA Conference March 18-20<sup>th</sup>. He was part of the large scale solar and wind projects, how do counties respond? What are joint development agreements?
2. Adam has 11 – 2023 post construction permits to complete.
3. Adam has completed 2024 post construction inspections. Lucas has closed out 46 of his 2024 permits.
4. Adam completed 3 – 2025 preconstruction inspections and 42 post construction inspections. Lucas has completed 13 post construction inspections.
5. Adam has completed 7 – 2026 preconstruction inspections and Lucas has completed 2 preconstruction inspections.
6. Complaint came in on the former Stitzer School.

**Sanitation:**

1. In 2026 we started with 40 systems not yet installed from 2024 to 2025
2. 18 permits have been issued so far this year. 5 are still waiting for proper paperwork or payment.
3. The Plumbers and Pumpers newsletter was sent out. Jim is looking to set up field review of a newer style system for servicing requirements.
4. The department is switching to paperless inspections with the new tablet.
5. The goal for this season is to have a preconstruction site visit for every install.

The next meeting date will be May 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Joe Mumm mentioned that this is Gary Northouse's last meeting with the CSZC. Thanking him for all his time and commitment on this committee. Thank you, Gary!!!!

Motion by Brian Lucey, seconded by Gary Northouse to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing

FSA Notes – April CSZD Meeting

**Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** – Reminder that General CRP Signup 66 opened on March 9. The deadline to submit an offer for General CRP is April 17, 2026. General CRP offers are competitive and based on points. Once signup closes, a national office ranking of offers will take place to determine which offers are accepted into the program. Any accepted offers would begin October 1, 2026.

The first batching for Continuous Signup offers closed on March 20, 2026. We do not know when we will get the batching results back for those offers. The office can still take Continuous Signup offers, but we do not know if there will be subsequent batching periods or not.

The CRP Management Workshop we had on March 18 led by Britta Peterson, Farm Bill Biologist with Pheasant Forever, had a great turnout! We had 55 participants present. Britta and I are already talking about doing it again next year.

**Farmers Bridge Assistance (FBA)** – Signup deadline is April 17, 2026. This program was created to help offset the impact tariffs had on 2025 crops. Payments are based on 2025 planted acres as reported on FSA crop reports. The office had almost 30% of eligible producers sign up within the first 3 days the program was open, but signup has significantly slowed down since then. The office has begun calling producers who have yet to sign up to ensure they know about the program due to the short signup window and we have a list of all producers who had eligible crops planted in 2025.

**Supplemental Disaster Relief Assistance Program (SDRP)** – Signup deadline is April 30, 2026 for both Stage 1 and Stage 2. Stage 1 opened in summer 2025 and was for producers who received a crop insurance indemnity in 2023, 2024, or 2025 due to a crop loss in whole or in part as a result of a qualifying disaster event in calendar year 2023 or 2024. Stage 2 opened in fall 2025 and is for producers who do not have crop insurance or had a shallow loss with crop insurance that did not trigger an indemnity. Stage 2 still requires the producer to have experienced a crop loss in whole or in part due to a qualifying disaster event in calendar year 2023 or 2024 to be eligible for a potential payment. Payments are not guaranteed. Producers can reach out to the office with more specific questions regarding either stage of this program.

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## Attached B Report

### 4.2.26 NRCS update

- EQIP
  - o Preapprovals released. Initial allocation to Grant county totalled around \$970,000 for grazing, cropland, and forestry practices.
- CSP
  - o Ranking deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>. This is our priority right now
- CRP
  - o Mark completed 8 suitability and feasibility sheets for CREP sign ups.
  - o Burn plans continue to come in. Some prescribed burns are happening throughout the county. There's usually a short window where the conditions are right.
  - o If anybody is interested in developing a burn plan, reach out to NRCS for assistance.

Attachment C Worksheet

Review of Standards for Rezoning Land out of Farmland Preservation

Date: 3/16/26 Landowner: Brett & Darion Moravits

The Grant County Board may not rezone land out of a farmland preservation zoning district unless the Grant County Zoning and Sanitation Committee finds all of the following in writing, after public hearing, as part of the official record of the rezoning:

- 1. The rezoned land is better suited for a use not allowed in the farmland preservation zoning district.

Yes or No Explain: 0.0 ac in prime farmland

- 2. The rezoning is consistent with any comprehensive plan, adopted by the Grant County Board which is in effect at the time of the rezoning.

Yes or No or N/A

Explain: This is 1.0 ac are planned to be used for a residence & would not meet the 3.0 ac minimum for FP

- 3. The rezoning is substantially consistent with the Grant County farmland preservation plan policy.

3.1: Non-farm development will be directed to non-agricultural soils or less productive agricultural soils, consistent with the needs of the development. Yes No

3.2 Non-farm development will be directed to areas where it will cause minimum disruption of established farm operations or damage to environmentally sensitive areas. Yes No

3.3 Non-farm development will be encouraged to locate so as to leave a maximum amount of farmland in farmable size parcels. Yes No

3.4 Non-farm residential development will be directed to existing platted subdivisions and sanitary districts. Yes No

3.5 Agriculturally-related development, while not discouraged in rural areas, will still comply with other policies set forth in this section, consistent with being located where it will be a maximum benefit to agriculture. Yes No

- 4 The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of other protected farmland.

- 4.1 Located in a Farmland preservation zoning district
4.2 Covered by a Farmland Preservation Agreement
4.3 Covered by an agricultural conservation easement
4.4 Otherwise legally protected from nonagricultural development

Yes or No

Explain: 0 acres in this rezone are listed as prime farmland.

- 5 The CSZC recommends/does not recommend approval to the Grant County Board of Supervisors (Circle one)

BEFORE GRANT COUNTY  
CONSERVATION, SANITATION AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
FOR KENNETH & JOANNE KUNKEL  
LOCATED ON KAISER LANE IN JAMESTOWN TOWNSHIP

FINDINGS OF FACT

The agency finds that:

1. Kenneth & Joanne Kunkel own property located within the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 15, and the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 2 West, Jamestown Township, Grant County, WI. Such property consists of tax parcel number PIN:026-00667-0000 & PIN:026-00657-0000.
2. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the CSZD office communicated with Ben Schroeder, BARD Materials, about the active CUP expiring on 2/4/26.
3. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the Jamestown 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the CSZD office received the completed application.
5. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and March 26, 2026, a public notice was published in the County's official newspaper for the CUP request
6. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

BEFORE GRANT COUNTY  
CONSERVATION, SANITATION AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
FOR Gerald Grimm  
PIN# 042-00373-0010 (pt), MUSCODA TOWNSHIP, GRANT COUNTY, WI

FINDINGS OF FACT

The agency finds that:

1. Gerald Grimm own property located within the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, Muscoda Township, Grant County, WI. Such property consists of tax parcel number PIN:042-00373-0010 (pt).
2. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department (CSZD) discussed the permitting required for a pole shed on PIN: 042-00373-0010 (pt) which included obtaining a Conditional Use Permit and Zoning Permit.
3. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the Muscoda Township Town Board recommended approval for the CUP. 3 were in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained. No conditions were placed by the Town Board on the permit.
4. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department (CSZD) received a completed Conditional Use Permit application to allow for an accessory structure prior to a principal structure under 3.07 (2) (a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.
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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER \_\_\_ ENTITLED "LARGE SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING FACILITY" OF THE GRANT COUNTY CODE.**

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Grant County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Chapter \_\_\_ of the Grant County Code is hereby created to read as follows:

(1) **Purpose and scope.** The purpose of this section is to adopt and incorporate the requirements of Wisconsin Stat. 66.0401 as a local ordinance and to establish local regulations on the installation and use of Large Solar Energy Generating Facilities that are authorized and compliant with Wisconsin statutes and that serve to preserve or protect the public health or safety, do not significantly increase the cost of the system or significantly decrease its efficiency, or allow for an alternative system of comparable cost or efficiency. The provisions listed under this section are not intended to be a duplication of any federal or state requirement or to exceed that authority granted to Wisconsin counties.

(2) **Applicability.**

This ordinance applies to all lands within the boundaries of the county lying outside the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(3) **Statutes, Regulations and Rules.**

(a) This section is subject to the provisions of Wisconsin law.

(b) Wis Stat. 66.06401 is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(4) **Definitions.**

(a) "Conditional Use Permit" means a discretionary permit for a listed conditional use, granted by the Grant County Zoning Committee, under the notice and hearing procedures of Section 12.150.07 of the chapter, upon application by an owner and to which various conditions of use may be attached and adhered to by the applicant.

(b) "County" means Grant County.

(c) "Department" means the Grant County Zoning Department.

(d) "Department Director" or "Director" means the Director of the Grant County Zoning Department or the Department Director's designee.

(e) "Kilowatt" means a unit of power equal to one thousand watts.

(f) "Megawatt" means a unit of power equal to one million watts, especially as a measure of the output of a power station.

(g) "Permit" means a Zoning Permit issued by the Grant County Zoning department pursuant of this code.

(h) "Shared Revenue Utility Payment" means payments made to counties and municipalities to off-set tax exempt utility property. Payments are based on state calculations.

(i) "Large Solar Energy Generating Facility" means but is not limited to: connected arrays of photovoltaic panels, their supporting structures, and/or mounting systems, the network of necessary electrical wires and conduit (above and below ground), power poles, inverters, transformers, and supporting substations. These facilities are designed for nominal operation at a nameplate capacity of greater than 100 megawatts and do not meet the definition of an "accessory solar energy generating system." This includes facilities which directly convert and transfer or store solar energy into thermal or electrical energy.

(j) "Zoning Permit" means written approval by the Zoning Department staff that is required before commencing any development as defined in this chapter or before establishing, extending, or changing use on any parcel.

(k) "Cultural Resource" means material remains of past human life or activities that are of significant cultural interest and are greater than 50 years of age. This term includes, but shall not be limited to, objects made or used by humans, such as pottery, basketry, bottles, weapons, weapon projectiles, tools, structures or portions of structures, or any portion or piece of the foregoing items, and the physical site, location, or context in which they are found, or human skeletal materials or graves.

(l) "Environmental Analysis" means a detailed localized review of the relevant environmental conditions (e.g., wetland delineations, threatened and endangered species reviews, floodplain studies, navigability determination, or areas identified as environmental corridors within the County Comprehensive Plan).

#### **(5) Conditional Use Permit.**

(a) **Permit Requirement.** The owner must apply for and receive a Conditional Use Permit from the Zoning Department before installing, constructing, or expanding any Large Solar Energy Generating Facility.

(b) **Application Process.** The application for a Conditional Use Permit shall be processed in accordance with the procedures set forth in Comprehensive Plan Ordinance 282 Section 316-53.

(c) **Permit Fee.** The owner shall pay an application fee at the time of application for a Large Solar Energy Generating Facility filed with the Zoning Department. Fees shall be based on the cost of the construction.

(d) **Permit Expiration.** A zoning permit issued by the Department expires if the construction of the Large Solar Energy Generating Facility is not commenced within 12 months from the date of the permit, or if the Large Solar Energy Generating Facility is not installed and fully functioning within 18 months from the date construction begins. A 12-month extension may be granted under Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3 Section 3.27 4 (a).

(e) **Standards for Review.** The standards for review of a permit application for a Large Solar Energy Generating Facility are consistent with Wis. Stat. (odd sign) 66.0401 as well as Wis. Stat. 59.69 and are not more restrictive than the PSC approved site plan as part of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

(f) **Application Requirements.** The application for a Zoning Permit shall include the following items, as may be applicable:

1. A copy of the PSC authorization, in the form of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, and a copy of the final application packet and documentation submitted to the PSC for approval.

2. A narrative of the proposed project, including a description of the subject property by metes and bounds, address(es), parcel numbers, and any unique circumstances within the project area, as may have been identified during the PSC review.

3. A site plan, which shall include a scalable drawing showing the location of all drives, entrances, easement labels and locations, trails, and signs; panels, inverters, energy storage systems, and any other planned infrastructure; vision clearance triangles; floodplain(s); wetland(s); and shoreland zoned boundaries.

4. Documentation evidencing cultural, archeological, and environmental analyses done by third parties and associated permit authorizations as required by law.

5. A complete list of neighboring parcels that have been notified of the project, within two miles of the project boundary is preferred.

6. Shared Revenue Utility Payment tax projections; estimated property tax reductions to the County, town(s), and school/special districts.

7. Any updates submitted to the PSC as applicable to these requirements. The equipment should have the capability to withstand extreme weather events, with a preference that components be listed by the Underwriters Laboratory.

**(6) Zoning Permits Requirements.**

(a) **Permit Requirement.** The owner must apply for and receive a Zoning Permit from the Department before installing, construction, or expanding any Small Solar Energy Generation Facility

(b) **Application Process.** The application for a Zoning Permit shall be processed in accordance with Chapter 282 Comprehensive Plan, Section 316-53.

(c) **Permit Fee.** The owner shall pay an application fee at the time of the application for a Small Solar Energy Generating Facility is filed with Zoning Department. Fees shall be based on the cost of construction.

(d) **Permit Expiration.** A zoning Permit issued by the Department expires if the construction of the Small Solar Energy Generating Facility is not commenced within 18 months from the date of the permit, or if the Small Energy Generating Facility is not installed and fully functioning within 12 months from the date construction begins. A 12-month extension may be granted under Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, Section 27 4(a).

(e) **Application Requirement.** The application for a zoning permit shall include the following items as applicable to the project area:

1. A narrative of the proposed projects, including a description of the subject property by metes and bounds, address(es).

2. A site plan, which shall include a scalable drawing showing the location of all drives, entrances, easement labels and locations, trails, signs, panels, inverters, energy storage systems, and any other planned infrastructure; vision clearance triangles; floodplains(s); wetland(s); and shoreland zone boundaries.

3. Supporting documentation and any other relevant update, if not already submitted

**(7) Additional Permitting requirements.** Additional permits and processes may be required under Grant County Code of Ordinances.

**(8) Operator Ownership Change.** Notice shall be provided to the County for any change in ownership of the Large Solar Energy Generating Facility 30 days prior to the effective date of the change and contact information of the new owner shall be included in the notice.

(9) **Other Approvals.** A copy of all necessary state and federal permits and approvals shall be submitted to the Department within 90 days of receiving said authorization.

(10) **Postconstruction Time Requirement.** Within 90 days of the date a Large Solar Energy Generating Facility commences operation, the owner shall file with the Department an as-built description of the facility, an accurate map of the facility showing the location of all infrastructure, and geographic information, system information showing the location of said infrastructure, and current information identifying owner(s) and operator(s), including designated contact(s), of the Large Solar Energy Generating Facility.

**Section II:** This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

Adopted and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the Grant County Board of Supervisors.

BOARD OF SUPERVISERS BY:

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Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair

**ATTEST:** I, Tonya White, Grant County Clerk, do certify that the creation of Chapter \_\_\_\_ of the Grant County Ordinances has been approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Tonya White, County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER \_\_\_ ENTITLED "SMALL SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING FACILITY" OF THE GRANT COUNTY CODE.**

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Grant County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

**Section I:** Chapter \_\_\_ of the Grant County Code is hereby created to read as follows:

(1) **Purpose and Scope.** The purpose of this section is to adopt and incorporate the requirements of Wisconsin Stat. 66.0401 as a local ordinance and to establish local regulations on the installation and use of Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities that are authorized and compliant with Wisconsin statutes and that serve to preserve or protect the public health or safety, do not significantly increase the cost of the system or significantly decrease its efficiency, or allow for an alternative system of comparable cost or efficiency. The provisions listed under this section are not intended to be a duplication of any federal or state requirement or to exceed that authority granted to Wisconsin counties.

(2) **Applicability.**

This ordinance applies to all lands within the boundaries of the county lying outside the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(3) **Statutes, Regulations and Rules.**

- (a) This section is subject to the provisions of Wisconsin law.
- (b) Wis Stat. 66.06401 is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(4) **Definitions.**

- (a) "Conditional Use Permit" means a discretionary permit for a listed conditional use, granted by the Grant County Zoning Committee, under the notice and hearing procedures of Section 12.150.07 of the chapter, upon application by an owner and to which various conditions of use may be attached and adhered to by the applicant.
- (b) "County" means Grant County.
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- (e) "Kilowatt" means a unit of power equal to one thousand watts.

(f) "Megawatt" means a unit of power equal to one million watts, especially as a measure of the output of a power station.

(g) "Permit" means a Zoning Permit issued by the Grant County Zoning department pursuant of this code.

(h) "Shared Revenue Utility Payment" means payments made to counties and municipalities to off-set tax exempt utility property. Payments are based on state calculations.

(i) "Small Solar Energy Generating Facility" means but is not limited to: connected arrays of photovoltaic panels, their supporting structures, and/or mounting systems, the network of necessary electrical wires and conduit (above and below ground), power poles, inverters, transformers, and supporting substations. These facilities are designed for nominal operation at a nameplate capacity of less than 100 megawatts and do not meet the definition of an "accessory structure: ie personal energy generating system." This includes facilities which directly convert and transfer or store solar energy into thermal or electrical energy.

(j) "Zoning Permit" means written approval by the Zoning Department staff that is required before commencing any development as defined in this chapter or before establishing, extending, or changing use on any parcel.

(k) "Cultural Resource" means material remains of past human life or activities that are of significant cultural interest and are greater than 50 years of age. This term includes, but shall not be limited to, objects made or used by humans, such as pottery, basketry, bottles, weapons, weapon projectiles, tools, structures or portions of structures, or any portion or piece of the foregoing items, and the physical site, location, or context in which they are found, or human skeletal materials or graves.

(l) "Environmental Analysis" means a detailed localized review of the relevant environmental conditions (e.g., wetland delineations, threatened and endangered species reviews, floodplain studies, navigability determination, or areas identified as environmental corridors withing the County Comprehensive Plan).

#### **(5) Conditional Use Permit.**

(a) **Permit Requirement.** Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities are subject to Conditional Use Permit approval in all zoning districts.

(b) **Application Process.** The application for a conditional use permit shall be processed in accordance with procedures set forth in Section 282 Section 316.53.

(c) **Application Requirements.** The application for a Conditional Use Permit shall include the following items as applicable to the project area:

1. A narrative of the proposed project, including a description of the subject property by metes and bounds, address(es), parcel numbers, and any unique circumstances within the project area.

2. A site plan, which shall include a scalable drawing showing the location of all drives, entrances, easement labels and locations, trails and signs: panels, inverters, storage systems, and any other planned infrastructure; vision clearance triangles; floodplain(s); wetland(s); and shoreland zone boundaries.

3. A plan showing an overhead view of all the existing and proposed landscaping on the site, including the locations, species, size at the time of planting, and mature size for all the new plantings.

4. A grading and drainage plan, showing the existing and proposed surface elevations, and proposed erosion control and stormwater management provisions.

5. A decommissioning plan and financial assurance.

6. Shared Revenue Utility Payment tax projections and estimated property tax reductions to the County, town(s), and school/special district(s).

7. Agreements, leases or other documentation with affected landowners and/or communities outlining any site-specific terms or conditions of development and assuring maintenance of land to be owned or used for common purposes, including, but not limited to joint development agreements and road maintenance agreements.

8. Supporting documentation addressing the review criteria for Chapter 282, Article XV, Section 316.53.

9. Copies of all, state, federal, and other permits.

10. Any other documentation as identified by the Administrator or the Zoning Committee to demonstrate compliance with state and federal law.

11. Documentation evidencing cultural, archeological, and environmental analyses done by third parties, and associated permit authorizations as required by law.

12. A complete list of neighboring parcels that have been notified of the project, within 2 miles of the project is preferred.

13. Anticipated water and soil quality impacts from construction materials and project implementation, and a baseline testing and monitoring protocol to be implemented to address such impacts.

14. A planned maintenance log description. An owner/operator, at the owner/operator's sole expense, shall maintain and provide the Department at least annually with a maintenance log for the solar energy generating facility. The Log must contain the following information regarding any maintenance performed: 1) date and time maintenance was performed; 2) nature of the maintenance performed; and 3) reason(s) for the maintenance. The Department may retain such consultants or experts as it deems necessary to assess and determine whether the solar energy system facilities are compliant and/or to assess whether the solar energy facilities are being maintained in good repair and operational condition.

15. The equipment must have the capability to withstand extreme weather events, with a preference that components be listed by the Underwriters Laboratory.

16. Documentation of the planned stray voltage mitigation and response.

17. Planned noise nuisance abatement measures.

(d) **Review Criteria.** In addition to the criteria set forth in Chapter 282 Section 316.53, the review for the Conditional Use Permit shall address and consider the following:

1. Setbacks from the participating and non-participating property lines, residential structures, unique adjacent land uses, and roadways, assessed on a case-by-case basis for each parcel affected.

a. Documentation of working with neighbors toward a Committee-identified minimum goal of 50 feet from non-participatory property lines and minimum 500 feet from residential structures.

2. Documentation of working with neighbors to address stray voltage concerns.

3. Beneficial vegetative screenings and maintenance requirements of the said vegetative screening.

4. To the extent feasible and practical, plans to use the land for both agricultural and electricity generating among the solar panels, possibly including but not limited to:

a. Planning and maintaining pollinator-friendly native plant species and reduced herbicide applications.

b. Grazing of livestock such as cattle, sheep, goats, and/or chickens.

c. Planting of shade tolerant crops.

5. Mitigation of impacts to local environmentally sensitive species and habitats by the following:

a. Best construction practices, such as wildlife permeable fencing to allow smaller wildlife access through the facility fencing and

b. Best construction practices to allow larger wildlife access natural movement around the facility fences.

6. Best Management Practices (BMPs) and consideration as noted in Section (whatever ours turns out to be) associated with projects using battery storage.

7. Dust mitigation measures.

8. Cultural and environmental resources

9. Stormwater runoff and erosion control mitigation measures, with a focus on assuring implantation of mitigation measures, including a preference for minimal soil grading.

10. Reasonable constructions standards, including:

a. Phasing to limit area of disturbance.

b. Hours of construction to limit disruption to residents.

c. Light pollution mitigation.

11. Equipment-related sound mitigation measures that keep operational noise generation at the property line(s) at a threshold of no greater than industry standards outlined by the Public Service Commission, possibly including, but not limited to:

a. Equipment relocation further from receptors

b. Noise cancellation using quitter equipment

c. Sound shielding technology

d. Sound filtering technology

e. Noise suppression and blocking with building enclosures or barrier walls

12. Maintenance and repair of damage to local roads due to project construction, possibly in the form of a Road Maintenance Agreement.

13. Mitigation plans for any damaged soil drainage infrastructure.

14. Mitigation plans for any damage to surface water conveyance infrastructure, such as grassed waterways.

15. Fire hazard mitigation plans, including:

a. Battery-related fire suppression design and chemical release containment design.

b. Clean-up and monitoring of any fire-related chemical release.

c. Additional funding to affected fire districts directly impacted by the project area, including but not limited to equipment, supplies and drills for the local firefighting and emergency response departments at the owner/operator expense.

16. Replacement of lost property tax revenue, including school and special districts.

17. Financial assurance during the construction phase in the form of a surety bond, letter of credit, escrow account, reverse fund, parent guarantee or other suitable financial mechanism.

18. Decommissioning plan and financial assurance for project decommissioning costs. A posted form of financial security such as a surety bond, letter of credit, escrow account, reverse fund, parent guarantee or other suitable financial mechanism, prior to the commencement of construction to include the total cost of decommissioning of the solar generation portion and the battery energy storage portion of the solar project at the end of its useful life.

19. Compliance with state and federal laws, as may be applicable.

20. Other community benefits as may be relevant.

21. Potential property value impacts associated with the project, and potential to offset said impacts with the landowner compensation agreements.

#### **(6) Zoning Permits Requirements.**

(a) **Permit Requirement.** The owner must apply for and receive a Zoning Permit from the Department before installing, construction, or expanding any Small Solar Energy Generation Facility.

(b) **Application Process.** The application for a Zoning Permit shall be processed in accordance with Chapter 282 Comprehensive Plan, Section 316-53.

(c) **Permit Fee.** The owner shall pay an application fee at the time of the application for a Small Solar Energy Generating Facility is filed with Zoning Department. Fees shall be based on the cost of construction.

(d) **Permit Expiration.** A zoning Permit issued by the Department expires if the construction of the Small Solar Energy Generating Facility is not commenced within 18 months from the date of the permit, or if the Small Energy Generating Facility is not installed and fully functioning within 12 months from the date construction begins. A 12-month extension may be granted under Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, Section 27 4(a).

(e) **Application Requirement.** The application for a zoning permit shall include the following items as applicable to the project area:

1. A narrative of the proposed projects, including a description of the subject property by metes and bounds, address(es).

2. A site plan, which shall include a scalable drawing showing the location of all drives, entrances, easement labels and locations, trails, signs, panels, inverters, energy storage systems, and any other planned infrastructure; vision clearance triangles; floodplains(s); wetland(s); and shoreland zone boundaries.

3. Supporting documentation and any other relevant update, if not already submitted.

(7) **Additional Permitting Requirements.** Additional permits and processes may be required under Grant County Ordinances.

(8) **Operator Ownership Change.** Notice shall be provided to the County for any change in the ownership of the Small Solar Generating Facility on or before the effective date of the change.

(9) **Other Approvals.** A copy of all necessary state and federal permits and approvals shall be submitted to the Department within 90 days of receiving said authorizations.

(10) **Postconstruction Filing Requirement.** Within 90 days of the date a Small Solar Energy Generating Facility commences operation, the owner shall file with the Department an as-built description of the facility, an accurate map of the facility showing the location of all infrastructure, geographic information, system information showing the location of said infrastructure, and current information identifying the owner(s) and operator(s), including designated contact(s), of the Small Solar Energy Generating Facility.

**(11) Battery Energy Storage System.** If battery energy storage systems are included in the solar or other projects, the following considerations shall be made by the owner/operator:

(a) Setbacks from residential, business, municipal, school, or town structures, and public and private drinking water systems. A committee-identified minimum goal of 1,500 feet from residential, business, municipal, school, or town structures and minimum 1,000 feet from a drinking water system is desired.

(b) Separate containment enclosures that include the following goals:

1. Enclosure size capacity containment of the 150% of the battery energy storage system.

2. Sufficient fireproofing for connecting electronic wires, protecting from one structure to the next and from the battery energy storage system to the substation.

(c) Battery management protocols including:

1. Labeling of battery energy storage system container with a date of first usage via a stamped metal nameplate with serial number.

2. Upon the end of serviceable life or no more than seven consecutive years, whichever comes first, the battery energy storage system container shall be removed from the site and recycled at the owner/operator's expense.

3. The owner/operator shall give an annual report to the Department documenting which batteries are near the end of their lifecycle, including current physical location of the battery and its serial number.

**Section II:** This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

Adopted and approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the Grant County Board of Supervisors.

BOARD OF SUPERVISERS BY:

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Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair

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