

COMMITTEE MEETING

October 2, 2025

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 October 2, 2025, 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: Joseph Mumm, Brian Lucey, Larry Jerrett, Pat Schroeder, Gary Northouse, and Roger Lange. Adam Day, *present for roll call on zoom then dropped off. Others present in the County Board room; Annette Lolwing, Robert Keeney, Adam Reed, Keith Lane, Brady Bartels, Lucas Finley, Nate Dreckman, Rhonda Gildersleeve, Tim Mathews, John Rutkowski, Dale Hagenston, Dave Roh, Gay Brechler-Nagle, Chris Olson arrived after the 3rd and last Conditional Use Permit on the Agenda. Zoom: Cty Board Room, Robert Keeney, Tonya White, Shane Drinkwater, Keith Lane, 1-608-732-8342, and the Grant County Herald Independent.

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, Herald Independent, Muscoda Progressive, Boscobel Dial, Fennimore Times, and Bob Middendorf.

Approval of October 2, 2025, Agenda

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of September 4, 2025, Minutes

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the September 4, 2025, minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the September Bills

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

NRCS Report – Mike Adams

No Report – NRCS is on Furlough.

FSA Report – Emily Schildgen

Emily Schildgen provided us with a written report. See Attachment

Zoning/Sanitation Report

Keith presented the Zoning/Sanitation report.

Sanitation permits: For the month of September 2024, there were 1 modification and 1 reconnect, along with 15 sanitary permits issued. There were 103 sanitary permits issued year to date. For the month of September 2025, there were 7 modifications and/or reconnects along with 12 sanitary permits issued. For year-to-date there were 96 sanitary permits issued.

Zoning permits: For the month of September 2024, there were 22 zoning permits issued. There were 200 zoning permits issued year-to-date. For the month of September 2025, there were 8 zoning permits issued. For year-to-date 42 zoning permits issued. There were 254 zoning permits issued. A significant increase in zoning permits.

BOA

Keith Lane reported that we had 4 Board of Adjustment cases on September 25, 2025.

The John and Sharon Brandt, Jamestown Twp. was approved.

Dennis Yoose, Paris Twp. was also approved.

Greg Griswold, Muscoda Twp was denied because it was unclear if he was a legal trustee to be applying for the variance, and the contested acreage and lot lines.

Markus and Nakila Reuter, Paris Twp was also approved

Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#CUP25-010 David Roh & Dale and Stacy Hagenston, Muscoda Twp. are requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:042-00460-0000, 042-00480-0000, 042-00478-0000, 042-00474-0000, and 042-00643-0000 +/- 62.89 ac. to allow for the continued use of Nonmetallic Mining under Section 3.14(2)(a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant's Statement: None

In Favor: Muscoda Twp. approved on July 9, 2025. John Rutkowski, David Roh, and Dale Hagenston. There were no conditions set by the township. John Rutkowski, co-owner of Allied Stone, who currently operates the David Roh and Dale & Stacey Hagenston quarry. He mentioned how important that the aggregate business is to all of us. Minerals are mined responsibly every year. John's company has been mining for around 30 years. They have never had any federal government citations for dust, noise, and any other DNR issues. Mining operations around the state are very regulated.

In Opposition: Rhonda Gildersleeve reported that her neighbor Hue has concerns about his water well and the wells around the pit. Rhonda mentioned that this pond area is around +/- 6.0 acres and would like to see some water monitoring done as the pond is well below the water table. Most wells are around 50' deep.

In Interest: None

Applicant's rebuttal: David Roh stated that the water is below the water table. John Rutkowski stated that the water that is in that pit permeates through the soil. The sand that is in the Wisconsin River settles out in the pit. The sand is then removed from the water.

Committee Discussion: Gary Northouse asked if there is any additional water testing done? Water testing would have to be put in the DNR permitting. Keith talked to Roberta Walls, the nonmetallic mining, DNR person, in our area. They did discuss Roh's pit and Keith asked Roberta if the pit needed to be reviewed and she stated the No, it does not. Groundwater seepage is considered runoff from the mining site. Additional water testing was not identified in their use permit. Keith mentioned that Muscoda had a response back to the accusation last month that their meetings were not posted and were illegally done, they were in compliance with their postings and meeting. Joe asked David and Dale if the state has ever come to test the water at the quarry? David and Dale stated it was tested at the time that they got their permit from the DNR.

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Gary Northouse to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Pat Schroeder. Vote not received from Adam. Motion carried.

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#CUP25-011 Mathews Island LLC, Watterstown Twp. are requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:060-00034-0000, 060-00036-0000, and 060-00041-0000 +/- 229.63 ac. to allow for an accessory structure prior to the establishment of a principal structure under Section 3.06 (2) (i) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant's Statement: None

In Favor: Watterstown Twp. approved on July 8, 2025. Tim Mathews. No conditions were set by the township.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Applicant's 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. Vote not received from Adam. Motion carried.

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#CUP25-12 Michaela L. Beyer, Ellenboro Twp. is requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:014-00378-0010 +/- 6.59 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.

Applicant's Statement: None

In Favor: Ellenboro Twp. approved on August 6, 2025. No conditions were set by the township.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: None

Applicant's Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: None

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Brian Lucey to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Pat Schroeder. Vote not received from Adam. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$27,062.77 / Ending Balance \$26,419.27

Brady presented a final approval request for county cost sharing for a well decommissioning project for Chad & Gail Winkers, Ellenboro Twp., \$643.50. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange to approve the Winker's payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, Vote not received from Adam. Motion carried.

2025 DATCP Cost-Sharing Requests: Beginning Balance \$38,281.56 / Ending Balance \$57,515.12

Brady presented tentative approval request for 2025 DATCP cost sharing for streambank protection for Christine Johnson, Liberty Twp., \$6,634.38. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the Johnson's request. Vote not received from Adam. Motion carried.

Brady presented a final approval request for 2025 DATCP cost sharing for 2 stream crossings for Louis & Ruth Vosberg, Hazel Green Twp., \$8,874.85. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, Vote not received from Adam. Motion carried.

Brady presented a final approval request for 2025 DATCP cost sharing for 1 stream crossing for Mark & Renee Vosberg, Hazel Green Twp., \$3,373.77. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve payment. Roll Call: 6 Yes, 0 No, Vote not received from Adam. Motion carried.

FPP Report – Brady Bartels

Brady reported that Steve Smith has been receiving a lot of phone calls relating to the Nutrient Management letter that he had mailed out with the new expectations with the NMP's.

Storage Permit Approval – Brady Bartels

Brady reported that he has 1 waste storage permit that he had issued to Shannon Wolf for a 2,000-pig nursery in South Lancaster. The set of construction plans went to the Area Engineer, and she approved with everything meeting standards. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange for concurrence with Brady's permit approval. Vote not received by Adam. Motion carried.

CSZD Report

Conservation: October overview...

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

1. Keith reported that Steve Smith has completed 70 of the 100 spot checks for far this summer.
2. Reminder letters have been sent for the Nutrient Management Plans.
3. Brady has completed GPS surveys of the existing conditions at the Grant County Farm.

4. Steve, Annette, and Keith volunteered over at the Southwest Wisconsin Land Judging Contest held near Burlington in Green County on September 24th. There were 177 students from 19 schools who had participated. This land judging is for Grant, Green & Lafayette County. Lafayette will host the land judging contest in 2026, and Grant County will host it in 2027. Keith is looking to host test pits for Grant County students for training purposes.
5. We have allocated all of the 2025 SWRM (DATCP) funding. We are currently pulling from the 2026 projected funding.

Zoning:

1. Adam Reed has conducted 22 pre-constructions and 2 post construction inspections on 2025 permits. He also completed 2, 2024 post construction visits.

Sanitation:

1. Jim Bergles has processed 7 at grade sanitary permits which brought in an additional \$250.00 per permit.
2. Had 1 complaint regarding an individual working on their own septic system in Woodman. Jim & Keith looked at the septic system and there is not good evidence at the site.
3. Jim is busy with lots of septic installs due to the dry weather

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board room.

Roll call was taken to go into Closed Session at 9:44 a.m. Gary Northouse, Pat Schroeder, Roger Lange, Joseph Mumm, Brian Lucey, and Larry Jerrett were present. Adam Day was absent.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Brian Lucey to go into Closed Session per State Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as it relates to the Position of the CSZD Administrator.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Larry Jerrett to return back to open session at 9:56 a.m. Motion carried

Motion by Roger Lange, seconded by Larry Jerrett to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing

FSA Notes – October CSZD Meeting

Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) – If you remember back in late March 2025, this program rolled out and paid producers 85% of a set rate per acre for each commodity based on 2024 reported acres. This signup closed on August 15, 2025. On Friday, September 26, the office was informed that there was money left that was allocated for the program and the payment factor had been revised from 85% to 99%. The majority of the additional 14% payments were processed by the office between September 26 and September 30. It usually takes about a week for producers to see payments in their bank account after the office signs them.

Fall Crop Reporting – As always, November 15 is the fall crop reporting deadline. So, any fall-seeded small grains, like wheat or rye, and fall-mint must be reported by November 15 to avoid late file penalties. If producers are seeding down cover crops or have forage policies with crop insurance, it is highly recommended that they get those reported as well due to state programs and crop insurance needs. The office is in the process of mailing crop reporting maps to anyone who told us in spring that they would be doing fall seeding. Since not everyone does fall seeding, if producers don't get maps by October 15 and they are needed, please reach out to the office and we can check into the status of them.

Map Edits – This is typically the time of year when the office is trying to get maps edits and farm reconstitutions done before we get too deep into programs for our fiscal year. FSA flew new aerial imagery in fall 2024. Typically, the office receives this new imagery in our mapping software about 6 months later. We have yet to receive the 2024 imagery in our mapping software. The imagery is available and the picture of it can be seen on the fiscal year 2026 (fall 2025) crop reporting maps, but the office does not have the imagery in our software where we can update the field lines producers see on top of the imagery on the maps. We are hoping the imagery becomes available in our mapping software soon, but we want producers to be aware of why the imagery underneath may not match the field lines very well.

October is payment season at FSA. If there are payments triggered for the Agriculture Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) Programs, those would begin being processed around October 8. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payments begin getting processed on October 14. It takes time for the office to get through all of these payments. Producers are reminded to make sure to update their direct deposit information with the office if they have changed banks or if their bank's routing number has changed (for example if the bank has been bought out by another bank, the routing number will change).