

BROWN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
January 10th 2017

The Brown County Planning & Zoning Commission held their regularly scheduled public meeting on January 10th 2017 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse. Commission members present: Anita Mohr, Brian Tohal, Brian Braun, and Commissioner Dennis Potter. Also present: Charles Enter, County Administrator; Charles Hanson, County Attorney; Laine Sletta, Zoning Administrator; Robert Santaella, Asst. Zoning Administrator. Members of the public were present

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tohal at 9:00 am.

A motion was made by Mohr and seconded by Potter to approve the minutes of the December 14th 2016 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

The **first item of business** was a Conditional Use Permit Application #APP-C-0039 by Willmar Poultry Company Inc. on property described as 4.99 acres of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 & 8.61 acres of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 19, Twp. 111N, Range 32W, North Home Township, Brown County, MN, to continue to allow 8,500 Layers, 8,500 Holding & 1,000 Toms for a total of 18,000 Turkeys (324 AU), all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Sletta provided background on the application. Tohal asked about the fence around the facility and if it is required by a past CUP, Sletta stated it was not required by a past CUP. Tohal asked about the farm place directly north of the site, Santaella stated the farm place is owned by Willmar Poultry Company and is occupied by the site manager. Tohal asked about dead animal management, Sletta stated incineration is used for dead animals. Tohal asked about how the manure is handled, Santaella stated the manure is managed by Anez Consulting, where they scrape the barns and sell the manure to farmers where it is then either stockpiled or land applied on said field. Tohal asked about concerns with manure going into spring creek, Sletta stated years ago it was an issue but it was corrected years ago.

Motion was made by Mohr and seconded by Braun **to recommend approval** to the County Board.

The motion passed unanimously on a 4-0 vote.

The **second item of business** was a Preliminary Plat Application #APP-P-0014 by Dave Soukup on property described as Part of the NE 1/4, Section 18, Twp. 109N, Range 32W, Stark Township, Brown County, MN. Parcel being platted is an existing building site being split off from the tillable land.

Discussion: Sletta provided background on the application. Tohal asked about the amount of sheds on site what type of business is on site, Sletta stated it's just a grain farm site. Potter stated they just built a lot of small buildings years ago. Potter stated he thinks it looks good.

Motion was made by Potter and seconded by Braun **to recommend approval** to the County Board

The motion passed unanimously on a 4-0 vote.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Santaella, Asst. Zoning Administrator