

**REGULAR SESSION  
of the  
JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**December 19, 2016**

The Regular Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:30 P.M., on Monday, December 19, 2016, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Chairman Ransom.

County Clerk, Kyle Deno, took roll call with 18 members present and 1 excused (Supervisor Hunter).

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Ransom called for a moment of silence for former board member Elwin Johnson who recently passed away. He was a County Board Supervisor for eleven years.

Supervisor Iverson led the County Board in a moment of reflection.

Chairman Ransom asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting. Supervisor Iverson made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Staff. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Amo made a motion to nominate Randy Anderson for the Highway Commissioner position. This was seconded by Supervisor Blaken. Randy Anderson was present. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

At this time Chairman Ransom asked Supervisor Carney to present the Land Conservation Awards. Supervisor Carney acknowledged the members of the Land Conservation and Agriculture Committee and then asked Supervisor Strandberg to present the awards. Supervisor Strandberg gave some history on the awards and then stated that The Conservation Farmer Award and the Warren H. and Ethel M. Printz Conservation Award are being presented to the Gansel Farm. Alice Gansel was present to receive the award. Jackson County thanks the Gansel Farm for the continued dedication to agricultural conservation and their efforts to protect the soil and water resources in their part of the County.

**RESOLUTION NO. 57-12-2016**

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RE: Jackson County Farmland Preservation Plan adoption**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has required Jackson County to update its Farmland Preservation Plan originally adopted in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Land Conservation Department has now provided the revised Farmland Preservation Plan as an addendum to the County Comprehensive Plan that meet the plan standard's Required; and

WHEREAS, the Farmland Preservation Plan allows eligible landowners to participate in the Farmland Preservation Program that promotes conservation and preservation of farmland in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has signed an order approving the Farmland Preservation Plan for Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Zoning and Land Information Committee and the Jackson County Land Conservation and Agriculture Committee conducted a joint Public Hearing and recommend approval of the Farmland Preservation Plan and its approval as an addendum to the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves the Farmland Preservation Plan and also approves it as an addendum to the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

Jackson County Zoning and  
Land Information Committee  
s/John Chrest, Chairman  
s/Hoyt Strandberg-Vice Chairman  
s/Norman Stoker  
s/Alton Staff  
s/Michelle Mary Greendeer-Rave

Jackson County Land Conservation  
and Agriculture Committee  
Ron Carney, Chairman  
s/Hoyt Strandberg-Vice Chairman  
s/Larry Blaken  
s/Tom Reid  
s/Jerrold Schmidt  
Rick Olson, FSA Rep

Jackson County Executive  
and Finance Committee  
s/Ray Ransom, Chairman  
s/Jeff Amo-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman  
s/Ron Carney-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman  
s/Karen Thayer  
s/Roger Stevens

Supervisor Carney made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Gutknecht. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Carney made a motion to temporarily suspend the rules and read the following Zoning Petition changes only one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Chrest. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-69  
TOWN OF ADAMS**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-69 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Del and Heather Rogers on the day of September 27, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) and A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) Districts on the following described lands:

On property located in the NW1/4-NE1/4, Section 28, T22N, R4W, Town of Adams, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 36.53 acres of the Official Zoning Map as follows:

1. 6 acres from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District.
2. 20.53 acres from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District.

This will allow for the construction of a single family home.

Located in the Town of Adams, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be Approved.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE  
BY: s/John Chrest, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Stoker to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Staff. Voice Vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-70  
TOWN OF KOMENSKY**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-70 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Katheirn Holman and Tasha Marek on the day of October 3, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the R-2 (Residential) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property known as Lots 1 & 2 of CSM 377 located in the NW1/4-NW1/4, Section 11, T22N, R3W, Town of Komensky, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 4.0 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the R-2 (Residential) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District to allow for horses at the site.

Located in the Town of Komensky, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be Approved.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

**JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE**

BY: s/John Chrest, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Chrest to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Greendeer Rave. Discussion took place. Voice Vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-71  
TOWN OF GARDEN VALLEY**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-71 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Ilka Inc., Lars Graff on the day of October 18, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-1(Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property known as Lot 2 of CSM 1040 located in the SE1/4-NW1/4, Section 15, T23N, R5W, Town of Garden Valley, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 1.5 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of a single family home.

Located in the Town of Garden Valley, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be Approved; contingent on the Town of Garden Valley Approving the request.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

**JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE**

BY: s/John Chrest, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Strandberg to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Chrest. Discussion took place. Voice Vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-72  
TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-72 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Badger Mining Corporation on the day of October 20, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-1 (Agriculture), A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture), B-2 (Outlying Business) and R-2 (Residential) Districts to the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the NE1/4-NW1/4, being part of parcel 042-0053.0000 50 feet out from rail to the west and east; the SE1/4-NW1/4, being part of parcel 042-0056.0000 50 feet out from rail to the west and east; the SW1/4-NE1/4, being part of parcel 042-0051.0000 50 feet out from north/south rail to the west and east as well as 50 feet out from east/west rail to the north; the NE1/4-NE1/4, the NW1/4-NE1/4 and the SW1/4-NE1/4, being part of parcel 042-0051.0015 50 feet out from rail to the north; the SE1/4-NE1/4, being part of parcel 042-0052.0010 50 feet out from rail to the north, all in Section 4, AND the NW1/4-NW1/4, being part of parcel 042-0038.0010 50 feet north out from rail to the west and east, Section 3, all in T21N, R6W, Town of Springfield, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change approximately 13 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-1 (Agriculture), A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture), B-2 (Outlying Business) and R-2 (Residential) Districts to the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District. This includes the existing rail lines which were installed prior to the township joining the Jackson County Comprehensive Zoning program and for the new rail line extension into the former Dolesy property.

Located in the Town of Springfield, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be Approved.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE  
BY: s/John Chrest, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Iverson to accept this zone change. Discussion took place. Supervisor Jensen made a motion to table and send this zone change back to the committee. This was seconded by Supervisor Reid. Voice Vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

Chairman Ransom introduced William Moilien of Johnson Block and Company who gave excerpts of the general audit report. He highlighted some of the areas and explained different funds and how they are handled. A full copy of the Audit Report is on file in the County Clerk's office. Supervisor Amo made a motion to accept the audit report. This was seconded by Supervisor Chrest. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

## **JACKSON COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

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### **2016 Land Conservation Department Activities**

#### **Farmland Preservation Program**

6 Farmland Preservation Agreements are effective as of December 31, 2016 – 1,335 acres total.

The LCD is required to review the conservation plans at least every five years. In 2016 the LCD completed the update required to the Farmland Preservation Plan.

#### **Livestock and Animal Facility Licensing Ordinance**

-There were 15 licenses issued in 2016.

-The LCD annually inspects existing licensed operations at least once every five years to ensure environmental standards compliance. Currently there are 227 licensed facilities in the county.

-The LCD works with all facility operators to achieve and maintain county and state agricultural runoff environmental standards compliance

#### **Animal Waste and Manure Management Ordinance**

-Two manure storage licenses were issued in 2016, currently 70 licenses exist. The LCD Engineering Specialist reviews the plans and inspects the installation of manure storage structures.

#### **Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance**

The LCD reviews all Non-Metallic mining Reclamation Plans and annually inspects all sites in Jackson County for compliance. There are 24 operational quarries in 2016 with approximately 1,274 acres of unreclaimed mining area in Jackson County.

#### **Wildlife Damage Claims and Abatement Program**

-USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is contracted to perform functions associated with the program. Damage caused by deer, turkey, bear, wolf, geese and other species are investigated by the Wildlife Services unit of USDA.

#### **Conservation Practice Installation**

Jackson County and State of Wisconsin funding was used to fund different conservation practices for 32 landowners on their property. \$122,483 was used in cost-sharing in the past year. The total amount of conservation practices and associated work applied in Jackson County with Land Conservation Department assistance was approximately \$185,000. Grade stabilization structures, stream bank riprap, stream crossings and grassed waterways are some of the various best management practices. The use of this money included funding structural manure runoff prevention practices. All of the structural practices were designed and the construction supervised by the LCD Engineering Specialist.

### **Other Responsibilities and Services Provided**

- Conservation Awards
- Conservation Camp Scholarships
- Annually inspect and maintain four concrete spillways on Trout Run Creek which are owned by Jackson County. They were constructed in 1963 and 1964.
- Install contour strips and buffer strips on cropland.
- Assist with the Fish Passage Program to help increase upstream movement of various fish species.
- Provide technical assistance to landowners in many different situations. Examples include: culvert placement, new livestock facility planning assistance, and erosion prevention measures.

### **Potential New Projects in 2017**

-Different municipalities are determining how to meet the new wastewater treatment phosphorus standard reduction levels. Instead of spending money on facility upgrades the municipalities may want to work with the LCD and landowners to reduce phosphorus levels in the watershed area on cropland fields or stream banks to achieve their goals. There was some discussion in 2016 with municipalities and a private company regarding phosphorous reduction. The LCD has not been involved with any agreements.

Chairman Ransom introduced County Conservationist, Gaylord Olson II, who gave a power point presentation showing some of the various Land Conservation projects they have completed and spoke on the above report.

Supervisor Jensen made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Stevens. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.



