**Hamlin County Planning Commission**

Date: June 24th, 2019

The Hamlin County Planning Commission met on June 24th, 2019 at the Hamlin County 4-H Building in Hayti, SD. Board Members present were Larry Saathoff, Scott Popham, Len Kemnitz, Richard Wiarda, Robbie Fedt, John Pantzke, and Stuart Schubloom. Also present was Thomas Nealon and Todd Kays from First District in Watertown. A list of others attending the meeting is attached to the minutes and available in the Hamlin County Zoning Office.

Chairman Wiarda called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 9:30 P.M.

Motion by Fedt, Second by Popham to approve the June 24th Planning Commission Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Popham, Second by Saathoff to approve the May 22nd Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Erik Schafer: Erik Schafer was present before the Planning Commission to discuss ordinance amendments to the CAFO section of the Zoning Ordinance in light of the recent Riverview application and to provide an update to the existing rules. Erik provided a background to the existing rules, stating they had not been updated in 22 years and much has changed in the animal production business since them to warrant some modifications to the rules regarding setbacks. Todd Kays provided an overview of the process back during the last update regarding the setback distances and what the rules were like in neighboring counties and those within First District’s area. Kays stated the process for an ordinance amendment would take multiple public meetings, detailed analysis of existing rules, land surveys, etc to begin this process as it will affect many existing and potential new operators. Saathoff believed it would be prudent to have this discussion. Wiarda stated they would think about this over the next month and make a determination at the following meeting whether or not to begin the review process or what steps to take next. Rick Smith spoke as well concerning matters regarding the Oxford Dairy proposal by Riverview and aquifer protection determinations.
2. John Pantzke brought up discussion concerning the implementation of a storm shelter requirement to any new campground that is proposed, he received support from Board Members on this. Staff stated this should be part of a larger ordinance amendment to regulate campgrounds as a whole and not one specific requirement. He also spoke about the need to reconsider the base elevation for new construction with the flooding events that have occurred this spring/summer at Lake Poinsett. Pantzke sits on the County Water Board and they have been considering making a change to this requirement as well.

With no further business, motion by Fedt, Second by Pantzke to adjourn the Hamlin County Planning Commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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