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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair John Weiers calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the following members present: John Weiers, Chris Carlson, Deanna Soderberg, Amy Birnbaum, and Steven Johnson. Zoning staff present: Keenan Hayes, Jessica Sonsteby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Chair John Weiers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

OCTOBER 13, 2025

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to approve the October 13th, 2025 minutes as presented and seconded by Mr. Carlson.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY REBECCA HAUKOS FOR A SEPTIC SYSTEM VARIANCE

Mr. Hayes reads the staff report.

No written comment.

Public comment opens and closes at 6:03pm

Mr. Carlson makes a motion to approve the request as submitted and seconded by Mrs. Soderberg.

Motions carries 5-0

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY REBECCA HAUKOS FOR A SEPTIC SYSTEM VARIANCE

Mr. Hayes reads the staff report.

No written comment.

Public comment opens and closes at 6:05pm

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to approve the request as submitted and seconded by Mr. Carlson.

Motions carries 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY BRIAN KOSKI FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A SUPPLY/CONTRACTOR YARD

Mr. Hayes reads the staff report. Mr. Hayes explains the need for one CUP instead of amending an existing CUP. The existing CUP is for an Office Space use, which is not an allowed use in the current zoning district.

Mr. Koski is available for questions and answers from the Board.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Koski if he understands the screening requirements that will be placed on the CUP. Mr. Koski asked for clarification of the screening requirements and if a vegetative buffer will be required. Mr. Hayes states that the current screening is adequate, but if a complaint were to be made about the screening, then CUP would be looked at and a site visit would be done to determine if more screening is required.

Mr. Koski questions the number of employees that are allowed as a condition of the CUP and would like to increase the allowed amount now, so an amended CUP doesn't need to be done at a later date.

Mr. Hayes states that he is open to allowing more employees. Mr. Hayes states that more than 10 employees would make this business more of an office setting and not allowed in this zoning district.

The board questioned what would happen to the existing office that is located to the north of this property. Mr Koski says that the office will be discontinued, and the property will be sold as a residential single family dwelling.

Written Comment 6:19pm

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Mille lacs county planning commission.

To whom it may concern:

In regard to septic check (Brian Koski) conditional use permit for supply contractor yard.

I am left confused as for the past 10 years plus this property has operated as a supply yard. Has this company been operating all these years without permit. Avoiding public notices & hearings on the matter denying members of the area any voice or any rites . If the case most unreasonable.

I am left confused that there is no details on notice. Not detailed site plan nor any mention of this is a company (corporation) provided within notice. Seems unreasonable Minn. Stat. § 394.26 requires published/mailed notice for CUP hearings, including use description. Vague notices (e.g., no site plan, no company name) could violate due process, allowing challenges. Finding this as well unreasonable .

How does one make informed decisions off of notices. if they are not informed .

Recently the town board of hayland had a hearing (last month) to pass an ordinance to limit the amount of houses in hayland township . siting concerns of waste . septic systems. Chemicals from . Stating too many will contaminate ground waters. For valid environmental reasons they site.

At the same time septic's from 10 of thousands systems dumped here. Seems as well unreasonable.

For over 10 years the Pease of the community has been invaded upon. As in my case loud trucks in & out of driveway across from me at all hours of the night. & lucky me even thou they stopped dumping directly across the road from me. Since my drive way is about 500 feet from there s it is the perfect place to jake brake. Shaking my windows. & part of the acceleration zone where they wine & rip threw the gears. There is loud banging noises slamming of dump truck door early in the morning. & the beep beep beep noises from there trucks ..

Even more unreasonable is that this company has been in existence all of these years & it is not regulated in any way shape or form. To define . large amounts known being dumped in hayland township of sewage & chemicals from. That went on for 8 years directly across the road from me. Into factually millions of gallons dumped. (average 10 dumps per day x 8 thousand per dump) as I watched 7 days a week with middle of the night dumps. Brings to estimate of 80 thousand gallons per day. Unmarked semi tanker truck dumps as well middle of night. **& never by any authority has there been any ground testing.** Not even by this county. Regardless of my voiced concerns.

I asked the question of the state & county that could this large dumps latter on leach into my ground water & they said yes is possible . saying could be years but yes.

So I have to be concerned & will remain concerned for years that the dumping that occurred just 2 3 4 hundred feet from my front door will if has not already become contaminates in my water supply seams unreasonable that I should have to have that concern at all...

This is not a small scale operation they claim on there web site that they are a state wide operation.

This is a corporation not just an indivial person as you would think in first look at public notice. Notice is misleading

Why would nt a permit request be requested in company s name ? that seams rather strange almost like trying to hide that it is a large corporation .. don't know but does not seam ethical. Strange at the least.

Seams strange to me that a corporation would set up shop in the middle of nowhere yet as a cooperation zoning remains ag residential to my understanding. coming with tax breaks less regulation seams to stand out. In this case zero regulation. Simply ground testing would show regulation.

For years we put up with sewage dust chemical dust all over our vehicle's in our air & maybe will be in our water . bad smells & chemical smells. Loud trucks & so on.

All I know is that I am not impressed & if something seams simply wrong it probably is.

If indeed it is true that after over ten years of using land as supply contractor yard. They finally are getting around to asking for permit. This permit should be denied on its face as they have violated the rights of surrounding property owners to be given a voice until now in public hearing. They have violated laws on obtaining permits . like build a house & wait 10 years to seek a permit. They have acted per the statues illegally per each day (fines applicable each day they operated & continue to operate with out permit.) certainly it is applicable to seek a seize & assist order until the point of time that they have valid permits.

It does not seam that any of this is reasonable . I moved to the country for quiet for clear air & clean water. as all has been put in jepority.

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time

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Ms. Soderberg asks Mr. Koski where they dump the collected sewage. Mr. Koski states that it is collected and land applied and one of the fields across the street from them is used. Mr. Hayes asks Mr. Koski to explain the land application process. Mr. Koskis explains that the land application is monitored and regulated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The MPCA does audits

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on all pumpers and requires the pumpers to keep records of where the sewage is picked up, the amount collected, the PH of the sewage, where the sewage was applied and how often the field has been used for land application.

Mr. Hayes explains how the CUP violations and revoking process for a CUP occurs.

Mrs. Soderberg makes a motion to approve this request with the change of number of employees allowed to fifteen (15). Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motions Carries 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to adjourn at 6:32pm and is seconded by Mrs. Birnbaum. Motion Carries 5-0.