

Agriculture & Extension Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room
March 12th, 2015
Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairman, Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Roll Call:

Members included: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Ron Paider, Bob Garfinkel, Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator, Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent and Kewaunee County Administrator, Scott Feldt.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel to approve the minutes.
Motion carried.

Citizen Input: None

Educators' Report:

Claire Thompson reported on Legislative Days to be held on April 15th and 16th, 2015 in Madison and also on Capitol Connections 2015 to be held on April 30th, 2015 in Madison.

Aerica Bjurstrom reported on the progress of Farm Technology Days Tent City being mapped out, along with parking areas. Ed Dorner will be the chairman of the grounds.

Overtime: None

Travel Expense:

Aerica Bjurstrom will be training at a Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Washington D.C., April 11th thru April 18th, 2015. This is an Extension training program paid thru the Extension.

A motion was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Gary Paape to approve the travel request. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills:

A motion was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Ron Paider to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Set Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting was set for April 1st, 2015 at 4:00 pm. at the Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Tom Romdenne and seconded by Ron Paider to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Paape
Secretary

Kewaunee County Groundwater Protection Ordinance on Ballot for April 7, 2015.

On Tuesday, April 7, eligible voters in Kewaunee County will have the opportunity to vote on a referendum to pass the Public Health and Groundwater Ordinance.

The Public Health and Groundwater Ordinance was drafted by the Kewaunee County Land & Water Conservation department and unanimously passed by the County Board on 9/23/14. Before the Ordinance can be enforced by the County, a referendum vote is required to pass the Ordinance in each Town.

What does a “yes” vote mean? “Yes” means that you support the Public Health and Groundwater Ordinance taking effect in your Town. You support enforcement of restrictions pertaining to waste spreading on shallow soils.

What does a “no” vote mean? “No” means that you do not support the Public Health and Groundwater Ordinance taking effect in your Town.

What does the Ordinance say? The Ordinance regulates “waste” application to landscapes. Waste is defined as septage, sewage sludge, sludge, biosolids, industrial wastewater, animal wastes, or any combination of these materials.

The Ordinance prevents:

- the mechanical spreading (or drainage) of waste to landscapes with less than twenty (20) feet of soil depth to carbonate bedrock between January 1st and April 15th, unless an exemption is issued, in writing, by the Land and Water Conservation Committee. On or about March 10th of each year, the Land and Water Conservation committee will meet and may take action to amend the April 15th date mentioned above by either moving the date forward or back in the calendar year.
- the mechanical spreading of waste to landscapes with less than twenty (20) feet of soil when the soil is frozen, snow-covered or saturated; when snow is actively melting such that water is flowing off the field; or precipitation capable of producing runoff is forecast within twenty-four (24) hours of application
- mechanical application of waste to direct conduits of groundwater, or allowed to directly drain to direct conduits of groundwater.
- temporarily stockpiling or stacking of wastes on landscapes likely having areas twenty (20) feet or less in soil depth between January 1st through April 15th, unless an exemption is issued, in writing, by the Land and Water Conservation Committee.

Exemptions for the temporary stacking of wastes will be issued based on waste consistency, stack size and stacking period, permeability of the soil, vertical separation from bedrock and groundwater, and horizontal separation distance from Karst features, wells, surface waters and areas of concentrated flow. All criteria are specified in USDA NRCS standard 313, table 10 are included in the ordinance.

For all details pertaining to the regulation and enforcement of this ordinance, please see the full ordinance as adopted by the Kewaunee County Board. It is available at this web link: <http://tinyurl.com/mykb93k>

Why is this important? The purpose of the ordinance is to protect public health by preventing the contamination of groundwater in Kewaunee County. As of May 2014 over 160 wells tested positive for coliform bacteria and/or nitrates above the human health standard of 10 parts per million.

The ordinance aims to prevent groundwater contamination by restricting waste that is spread on shallow Karst landscapes that are commonly found in Kewaunee County. Laboratory testing has confirmed that the contamination of groundwater is largely due to mechanical spreading of waste.

Currently, there are no enforceable restrictions on the mechanical application of waste on agricultural lands with shallow soils in the timeframe, climatic or soil conditions as outlined by the ordinance.

Zoning Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room
March 12th, 2015
Minutes

Call To Order:

Chairman, Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 4:54 pm.

Roll Call:

Members included: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Ron Paider, Bob Garfinkel, Glenn Selner and Kewaunee County Administrator, Scott Feldt.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel to approve the minutes.
Motion carried.

Glenn Selner; along with the committee, discussed failed septic systems in Kewaunee County. Glenn Selner reported Corporate Council is in the process of sending about twenty-five letters to residents that have failed septic systems.

There will be a public hearing of the Board of Adjustment, Kewaunee County; on shore land ordinance setback. This resident is in the Town of Ahnapee. The hearing will be held on March 24th, 2015 at 7:00 pm. at the Administration Center, Kewaunee.

The Zoning Committee complimented Glenn Selner on his efforts; by contacting forty-six applicants in the County that grant money to aid in septic system repairs; if they qualified, was in jeopardy if the proposed 2015-2017 State Budget was passed as proposed.

Communication: None

Travel Expense: None

Approval of Bills:

A motion was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Ron Paider to approve all bills as presented. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

April 1st, 2015 at 4:00 pm. Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Paape
Secretary

Kewaunee County Board of Adjustment Minutes

A meeting of the Kewaunee County Board of Adjustment was held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. to view the site of Mr. Richard Hanneman, Ahnapee Township.

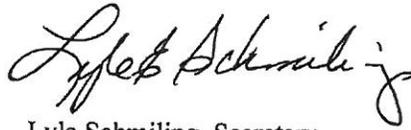
Board members present were Hub Jauquet, Lyle Schmiling, Ken Paplham, Randy Hallet, Eric Corroy, and Glenn Selner, Kewaunee Zoning Administrator.

Richard Hanneman On-Site Meeting

The meeting was held so the committee could view the site before the public hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyle Schmiling". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lyle Schmiling, Secretary

Kewaunee County Board of Adjustment Minutes

A meeting of the Kewaunee County Board of Adjustment was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to hear the variance appeal of Mr. Richard Hanneman, Ahnapee Township.

Board members present were Hub Jauquet, Lyle Schmiling, Ken Paplham, Randy Hallet, Eric Corroy, and Glenn Selner, Kewaunee Zoning Administrator.

Richard Hanneman Hearing

Present: Richard and Christine Hanneman, David Wentland.

Chairman Hub Jauquet opened the hearing at 7:00 P.M. and informed the attendants of the Board's authority and rules of the hearing.

Lyle Schmiling read the public hearing notice. Glenn Selner stated he sent notices to 3 neighboring property owners, the Town of Ahnapee, and the Department of Natural Resources.

Glenn explained Richard Hanneman wants to construct a 12' x 12' 3 season room 76 feet from the top of the lake bluff. Kewaunee County Shoreland requires a 125 foot setback if the bluff is higher than 10 feet. The ordinance allows a reduced setback of no less than 75 feet if an engineered study can document the lake bank is stable and the recession rate will be minimal for the life of the structure. The Board of Adjustment must still approve the reduced setback.

Richard Hanneman stated they bought the property 8 years ago and now want to retire. They want to make a few improvements to the house and add a 12' x 12' 3 season room so they can enjoy the view and sunrises.

David Wentland, the engineer for this project, explained there are 2 main reasons why this property is not experiencing lake bluff loss:

1. All surface water is directed away from the bluff which lessens the pressure on the lake bluff.
2. There is an area in Lake Michigan where bedrock is present and that helps lessen the impact of wave strength to the property.

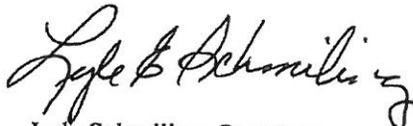
David provided an air photo from UW-Madison taken in 1938, and air photos from 2014, which show almost zero erosion on this property.

After much discussion and questions about David's report, a motion was made by Randy Hallet, seconded by Ken Paplham to approve the reduced building setback to 76 feet from the top of the lake bluff. The vote was unanimous. The following condition was attached. Mr. Richard Hanneman must follow the recommendations on the engineer's report which requires 2 very important best management practices:

1. Continue to route all surface water and groundwater sources away from the face of the bluff.
2. Bluff vegetation cannot be removed. The bluff is currently well vegetated and cannot be disturbed. If any sloughing occurs, Mr. Hanneman should be pro-active in replanting native vegetation to cover any exposed soil.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lyle Schmiling, Secretary