# Special Meeting of the Town of Lind Board Minutes 

 February 28, 2024 Immediately Following the Public Hearing Waupaca High School PAC, E2325 King Road, Waupaca, WI1. See attached transcript of proceedings of the Special Town of Lind Board Meeting.
K. Nickel, Chair/F. Neumann, Clerk


## PROCEEDINGS

(Proceedings commenced at 9:35 p.m.)
MS. NICKEL: Okay. I'm going to call this to order. I'm going make a motion that we reconvene to a Special Meeting of the Town of Lind Board. Can $I$ get a second on that?

MS. HARDY: Second.
MS. NICKEL: Then we'11 have the clerk do a roll call vote on that.

MS. NEUMANN: Chairman Kathy Nickels, how do you vote?

MS. NICKEL: Yay.
MS. NEUMANN: Supervisor Nelson, Supervisor One Nelson, how do you vote?

MS. NELSON: At this time, I will be recusing myself from official duties as a Town of Lind supervisor for the remainder of this special meeting.

MS. NEUMANN: Supervisor Two Hardy, how do you vote?

MS. HARDY: Yes.
MS. NICKEL: Motion carried. We'11 defer the Pledge of Allegiance and the open meeting statements since we did that at the

Public Hearing. Do we have a motion to approve or amend the agenda?

MS. HARDY: Motion to approve.
MS. NICKEL: I second that. All those in favor? Aye.

MS. HARDY: Aye.
MS. NICKEL: Opposed? Motion carried. Discussion of possible action on the Brooks Farms Dairy, LLC Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application for approximately seven point [sic] acres of parcel 12-09-43-1 from agriculture to industrial and remove those acres from farmland preservation. This is discussion for our Board. And I'11 begin, if you don't mind.

MS. HARDY: Go ahead. Yep. Nope.
MS. NICKEL: I appreciate all of the information that we have been getting. It's been months, hours, days of lots of research. My concerns are aligned a lot with many of the concerns raised by the citizens of the Town of Lind; the truck traffic, concerned about the safety of that many semis added to our roads daily. I know it can be a wash compared to sand being
brought in, but $I$ also am concerned about the concentration of that during the days. And the slow moving vehicles we have with other farm machinery on the roads, it's already impossible to be walking down County A because of the traffic, and I know this is just gonna add to our congestion. What if the herd -- what if the farm takes on a larger herd and then more food waste will be needed, increasing the number of trucks coming and going each day? And if that herd grows significantly, will this facility also need to be enlarged?

I have concern with changing the zoning 1 and use over to industrial. If this digester fails or becomes inactive, we'11 have an abandoned facility sitting there. And what is to stop that site from being sold off for any other type of industrial level facility to be taken over there?

I also have concerns that there is a lot of tax credits and government money and incentives to put in these digesters. But what happens with the digester breaks down? The money is not there for the repairs. And
in talking with two separate owners of current digesters that are no longer functioning, that was the statement I received from them; the money was there for us to build it, but there was no money to make the expensive repairs and we couldn't afford it. We weren't gonna put our finances to that expense.

Flare-ups. The gas has to meet a certain standard to be able to go into that pipeline, and we heard some of that discussion tonight, and in my research also, there's been many of these facilities that do not meet that standard and that gas is continuously flared off.

I also worry about the HAZMAT emergency response for our township. I spoke with our fire chief, Jerry Deuman, a few months ago and asked him if our emergency services were prepared to respond to any type of an emergency that could occur out there; fire, explosion, HAZMAT, gas leaks. He was not even aware of this project occurring. He said he would have no way to respond if that was something they
were suitable for because he didn't know what the project was.

And then down to the Town of Lind's comprehensive plan, again, it states those sites for business and industrial developments are preferred along that Highway 10 corridor. This area has all the utilities where readily available for three-phase electric, sewer, water, et cetera, along with access directly to Highway 10. And there's a reason that was put into the Comprehensive Plan.

I think changing this zoning and the land use leaves us an island of industrial zoning in the middle of our township and we're setting a precedence that would open us up to have to do that in other locations, and that's not what our plan says we want done with our land use out there. That's my discussion.

MS. HARDY: You covered everything that I was gonna say thoroughly and I have nothing to add to that. You did a wonderful job of explaining that whole process, and that is exactly how $I$ feel. All right.

MS. NICKEL: So I propose a motion then that our recommendation from the Town of Lind Board to the Waupaca Planning and Zoning Committee is a recommendation of denial for changing the Comprehensive Plan from agriculture to industrial.

MS. HARDY: I second that.
MS. NICKEL: You'11 second that?
MS. HARDY: Yes, second that.
MS. NICKEL: Okay. And we'11 do a roll call vote. My vote on that is a yay to the recommendation to the motion that we proposed. Supervisor One Nelson has recused herself. Supervisor Two Hardy, how do you vote?

MS. HARDY: Against.
MS. NICKEL: You're voting for the motion, is to recommend denial?

MS. HARDY: Yes. That's correct.
That's --
MS. NICKEL: So you're voting --
MS. HARDY: To recommend denial.
MS. NICKEL: Yes. To the motion.
Okay. Motion carried. The next agenda item was discussion and possible action on Brooks

Dairy Farms, LLC Zoning Map Amendment Application for approximately 7.8 acres of that parcel 12-09-43-1 from agriculture enterprise to rural industrial intensive. For my sake, the discussion we had covers that same issue and the same questions, and my recommendation from the Town of Lind Board to Waupaca Planning and Zoning Committee would be a recommendation of denial for that application.

MS. HARDY: I second that.
MS. NICKEL: All those in favor?
MS. HARDY: Aye.
MS. NICKEL: Aye. And Zoey, Supervisor One, has recused herself. Motion carried. I make a motion for adjournment of this Special Meeting of the Town of Lind Board.

MS. HARDY: Second.
MS. NICKEL: All those in favor?
MS. HARDY: Aye.
MS. NICKEL: Aye. Motion carried. We are adjourned.
(Proceedings concluded at 9:43 p.m.)

## CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN ) COUNTY OF WAUPACA )
ss.

I, JENNIFER M. McLEOD, hereby certify that I am Court Reporter and a Notary Public in and for the State of Wisconsin.

I further certify that $I$ reported the foregoing proceedings and that the transcript thereof was prepared by me via computer-aided transcription.

Dated this 1 st of March, 2024.

Jennifer M. McLeod
Court Reporter


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