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, WI

1. See attached transcript of proceedings of the Special Town of Lind Board Meeting.

K. Nickel, Chair/F. Neumann, Clerk

IN F	RE: TOWN OF LIND SPECIAL MEETING
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Proceeding:	Special Meeting of the Town of Lind Board
Date:	February 28, 2024
Location:	Waupaca High School E2325 King Road Waupaca, WI
Appearances:	KATHY NICKEL, Chairman
	ZOEY NELSON, Supervisor I
	CINDY HARDY, Supervisor II
	FAYE NEUMANN, Clerk
	KEN BARROWS, Treasurer
	RICH CARLSON, Attorney at Law
	Jennifer M. McLeod Court Reporter
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	(Proceedings commenced at 9:35 p.m.)
3	MS. NICKEL: Okay. I'm going to call
4	this to order. I'm going make a motion that
5	we reconvene to a Special Meeting of the
6	Town of Lind Board. Can I get a second on
7	that?
8	MS. HARDY: Second.
9	MS. NICKEL: Then we'll have the
10	clerk do a roll call vote on that.
11	MS. NEUMANN: Chairman Kathy Nickels,
12	how do you vote?
13	MS. NICKEL: Yay.
14	MS. NEUMANN: Supervisor Nelson,
15	Supervisor One Nelson, how do you vote?
16	MS. NELSON: At this time, I will be
17	recusing myself from official duties as a
18	Town of Lind supervisor for the remainder of
19	this special meeting.
20	MS. NEUMANN: Supervisor Two Hardy,
21	how do you vote?
22	MS. HARDY: Yes.
23	MS. NICKEL: Motion carried. We'll
24	defer the Pledge of Allegiance and the open
25	meeting statements since we did that at the
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1	Public Hearing. Do we have a motion to		
2	approve or amend the agenda?		
3	MS. HARDY: Motion to approve.		
4	MS. NICKEL: I second that. All		
5	those in favor? Aye.		
6	MS. HARDY: Aye.		
7	MS. NICKEL: Opposed? Motion		
8	carried. Discussion of possible action on		
9	the Brooks Farms Dairy, LLC Comprehensive		
10	Plan Amendment Application for approximately		
11	seven point [sic] acres of parcel 12-09-43-1		
12	from agriculture to industrial and remove		
13	those acres from farmland preservation.		
14	This is discussion for our Board. And I'll		
15	begin, if you don't mind.		
16	MS. HARDY: Go ahead. Yep. Nope.		
17	MS. NICKEL: I appreciate all of the		
18	information that we have been getting. It's		
19	been months, hours, days of lots of		
20	research. My concerns are aligned a lot		
21	with many of the concerns raised by the		
22	citizens of the Town of Lind; the truck		
23	traffic, concerned about the safety of that		
24	many semis added to our roads daily. I know		
25	it can be a wash compared to sand being		
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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 land use over to industrial. If this

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digester fails or becomes inactive, we'll 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

1	in talking with two separate owners of
2	current digesters that are no longer
3	functioning, that was the statement I
4	received from them; the money was there for
5	us to build it, but there was no money to
6	make the expensive repairs and we couldn't
7	afford it. We weren't gonna put our
8	finances to that expense.
9	Flare-ups. The gas has to meet a
10	certain standard to be able to go into that
11	pipeline, and we heard some of that
12	discussion tonight, and in my research also,
13	there's been many of these facilities that
14	do not meet that standard and that gas is
15	continuously flared off.
16	I also worry about the HAZMAT
17	emergency response for our township. I
18	spoke with our fire chief, Jerry Deuman, a
19	few months ago and asked him if our
20	emergency services were prepared to respond
21	to any type of an emergency that could occur
22	out there; fire, explosion, HAZMAT, gas
23	leaks. He was not even aware of this
24	project occurring. He said he would have no
25	way to respond if that was something they
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were suitable for because he didn't know what the project was.

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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.

13 I think changing this zoning and the 14 land use leaves us an island of industrial 15 zoning in the middle of our township and 16 we're setting a precedence that would open 17 us up to have to do that in other locations, 18 and that's not what our plan says we want 19 done with our land use out there. That's my 20 discussion.

21 MS. HARDY: You covered everything 22 that I was gonna say thoroughly and I have 23 nothing to add to that. You did a wonderful 24 job of explaining that whole process, and 25 that is exactly how I feel. All right.

1	MS. NICKEL: So I propose a motion
2	then that our recommendation from the Town
3	of Lind Board to the Waupaca Planning and
4	Zoning Committee is a recommendation of
5	denial for changing the Comprehensive Plan
6	from agriculture to industrial.
7	MS. HARDY: I second that.
8	MS. NICKEL: You'll second that?
9	MS. HARDY: Yes, second that.
10	MS. NICKEL: Okay. And we'll do a
11	roll call vote. My vote on that is a yay to
12	the recommendation to the motion that we
13	proposed. Supervisor One Nelson has recused
14	herself. Supervisor Two Hardy, how do you
15	vote?
16	MS. HARDY: Against.
17	MS. NICKEL: You're voting for the
18	motion, is to recommend denial?
19	MS. HARDY: Yes. That's correct.
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21	MS. NICKEL: So you're voting
22	MS. HARDY: To recommend denial.
23	MS. NICKEL: Yes. To the motion.
24	Okay. Motion carried. The next agenda item
25	was discussion and possible action on Brooks
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1	Dairy Farms, LLC Zoning Map Amendment
2	Application for approximately 7.8 acres of
3	that parcel 12-09-43-1 from agriculture
4	enterprise to rural industrial intensive.
5	For my sake, the discussion we had covers
6	that same issue and the same questions, and
7	my recommendation from the Town of Lind
8	Board to Waupaca Planning and Zoning
9	Committee would be a recommendation of
10	denial for that application.
11	MS. HARDY: I second that.
12	MS. NICKEL: All those in favor?
13	MS. HARDY: Aye.
14	MS. NICKEL: Aye. And Zoey,
15	Supervisor One, has recused herself. Motion
16	carried. I make a motion for adjournment of
17	this Special Meeting of the Town of Lind
18	Board.
19	MS. HARDY: Second.
20	MS. NICKEL: All those in favor?
21	MS. HARDY: Aye.
22	MS. NICKEL: Aye. Motion carried.
23	We are adjourned.
24	(Proceedings concluded at 9:43 p.m.)
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1	CERTIFICATE
2	STATE OF WISCONSIN
3) ss. COUNTY OF WAUPACA)
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6	I, JENNIFER M. McLEOD, hereby certify
7	that I am Court Reporter and a Notary Public
8	in and for the State of Wisconsin.
9	I further certify that I reported the
10	foregoing proceedings and that the
11	transcript thereof was prepared by me via
12	computer-aided transcription.
13	Dated this 1st of March, 2024.
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