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TO: Redwood County Board of Adjustment

FROM: Nick Brozek *NB*
Land Use and Zoning Supervisor
Redwood County Environmental Office

DATE: May 22, 2019

RE: Public Hearing on *Application for Variance*: Tom Jenniges

1. Tom Jenniges – setback between feedlot and public drainage ditch; setback between feedlot and neighboring dwelling

A public hearing will be held on May 28th, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. regarding an Application for Variance filed by Tom Jenniges, pursuant to Redwood County Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Section 153.026, requesting a variance from the required $\frac{1}{4}$ mile setback from a neighboring dwelling and the 300 foot setback from a public drainage ditch set forth at Redwood County Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Section 153.290(H).

Tom Jenniges has raised cattle on his farm site located at 22329 170th Street since prior to the feedlot ordinance going into effect in 1996. Consequently, he continues to operate a 225 animal unit cattle feedlot on his property without ever having obtained a conditional use permit. Additionally, the existing feedlot does not meet the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile setback from a neighboring dwelling (currently unoccupied). The feedlot is about 1,100 feet from the neighboring dwelling. Mr. Jenniges now proposes to increase the animal units on the site to 499, and construct a new mono-slope barn, in addition to the existing barn and open lot feedlot structures.

The proposed new barn will be located about 920 feet away from the neighboring dwelling. Furthermore, it will be located about 200 feet from the bank of Judicial Ditch 36, Lat 1A, Lat U. The required setback from the ditch is 300 feet.

The ground between the existing feedlot and the ditch is currently tilled farmland. It contains private drain tile, but no county tile. Some of the private tile will need to be re-routed in order to build the proposed barn. The land slopes gently from north to south, toward the ditch, with about 4 feet of fall over a distance of 350 feet from the feedlot to the ditch bank. Ditch Inspector Brent Lang has expressed that he has no concerns about the project affecting the ditch.

The neighboring dwelling lying within the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile setback is part of an old farm building site owned by Verna Timm. The dwelling has been unoccupied for 2 or more years, according to the applicant.

Pursuant to Redwood County Ordinance, written notice shall be provided to all property owners of record within five hundred (500) feet of the affected property via U.S. Mail as to the time and place of the public hearing. Further, written notice shall also be provided to the affected board of township supervisors and the municipal council of any municipality within two (2) miles of the affected property.

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cc: Tom Jenniges