

Members present:

Cindy Hall, Chairperson
Paul Thomsen
Catherine Davies
Nicole Stecklein

Members absent:

Ethan Zumbach

Staff present:

Michele Lubben – Land Use Administrator

Visitors present:

Brian Rickels – applicant, 2417 County Rd. D-61, Bernard
Brett and Laura Butler – owners, 23232 15th Ave., Bernard
Jerry Droll – Cedar County friend of Paul Thomsen

Introductions of the Board of Adjustment, staff and visitors took place.

A quorum of members of the Jones County Board of Adjustment was achieved at 4:06 p.m. and Chairperson Cindy Hall called the meeting to order.

Motion by Stecklein seconded by Davies to approve the agenda for the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecklein seconded by Thomsen to approve the October 15, 2019 meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board picked up the discussion from last month asking the applicant and owner for more information. Butler commented that they were not asking for any changes. They were requesting the fences to stay “as is”. They just want the paperwork to match the fence lines. Thomsen noted that it could all stay the same with a change in the Assessor’s office to declare the buildings as “buildings on leased land”. The Land Use Administrator discussed the procedure used for current boundary corrections which do not include previously surveyed parcels. The Board discussed the variance to both the acreage requirement and the waiver of the one-time farmland split option.

Motion by Thomsen seconded by Stecklein to deny the application due to the following:

- Approving such a request would set a precedence within Jones County to allow parcels to be split within the Agricultural District that would be less than two acres and allow more splits than permitted by the ordinance.
- The request does not meet the minimum lot size requirement within the Agricultural Zoning District of two acres.
- Approval of such request would allow more splits than permitted within the Agricultural Zoning District.
- The Board of Adjustment felt the issue could be handled with an agreement to allow a building on leased land.

Roll call vote:

Thomsen – Aye

Stecklein –Aye

Davies – Aye

Hall - Aye

All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecklein seconded by Thomsen to adjourn at 4:24 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.