

Jones County Board of Adjustment

Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Cindy Hall, Chairperson
Paul Thomsen
John Hinz
Catherine Davies

Members absent:

Stan Reiter

Staff present:

Michele Lubben – Land Use Administrator

Visitors present:

Joel Downing – owner/applicant 10782 223rd Ave., Anamosa

Introductions of the Board of Adjustment and staff took place.

A quorum of members of the Jones County Board of Adjustment was achieved at 4:00 p.m. and Chairperson Cindy Hall called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Hinz seconded by Davies to approve the August 17, 2021, meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Davies seconded by Thomsen open the public hearing at 4:01 p.m. for owner, Joel Downing, for a special permitted use in the Residential Zoning District for property legally described Lot 13 Turkey Hollow 2nd Addition in Section 16 of Fairview Township located at 10782 223rd Ave., Anamosa, containing 2.99 acres. More specifically, the proposal is for a home-based industry special permitted use for a firearms business. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator noted that the Board received copies of the application, aerial map, and written report. The owner also received a copy of the written report. All adjoining landowner letters were sent and received. No verbal or written comments were received on the application. The red zoning sign was posted as required.

Thomsen had the restrictive covenants for the Turkey Hollow 2nd Addition available. He read aloud 1. Which states that all lots shall be used exclusively for single family residential purposes, residential

garages, hobby, or business activities situated within the residence. No other commercial use shall be permitted. The Board agreed that violation of the restrictive covenants is up to the home owner's association to enforce.

Downing was present and indicated he needed to go to the Board to get his Federal Firearms License. This is an online only business. He is trying to obtain a Type 7 license which includes retail sales and manufacturing. He indicated he will not have a sign at this location. Customers will not be coming to the home to pick up products. He will also be able to sell to LEO (Law Enforcement Officers). No timeframe on when he could move his business to a brick-and-mortar store, however, that is the end goal.

Motion by Davies seconded by Thomsen to close the public hearing at 4:16 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion by the Board of Adjustment took place.

Motion by Davies seconded by Hinz to approve the Special Permitted Use application with a condition to allow only online sales for by owner, Joel Downing, for a special permitted use in the Residential Zoning District for property legally described Lot 13 Turkey Hollow 2nd Addition in Section 16 of Fairview Township located at 10782 223rd Ave., Anamosa, containing 2.99 acres.

Roll call vote:

Hinz - Aye

Thomsen – Aye

Davies - Aye

Hall - Aye

All aye. Motion carried.

The application is approved. The Land Use Administrator will issue the approval to the owner by regular mail once the red zoning sign is returned.

The Land Use Administrator gave an update and timeline on the 2022 Comprehensive Plan being prepared by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Land Use Administrator gave an update on the redistricting maps effective January 15, 2022. The change in supervisor districts places Cindy Hall in District 3 and leaves a vacancy in District 2. The Land Use Administrator is discussing options with the County Attorney. State legislation in 2020 regulates that member of the board shall live in the unincorporated area of Jones County.

The Land Use Administrator gave the board a meeting schedule for 2022 and dates that may need to be changed.

The Land Use Administrator gave a 2021 meeting recap. The Board of Adjustment met 6 times which is average for this Board within Jones County. They heard five Special Permitted Use applications and 1 Variance application. Out of the seven applications, two were denials and five were approvals.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Thomsen seconded by Hinz to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.