

Jones County Board of Adjustment

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Cindy Hall, Chairperson
Paul Thomsen
John Hinz

Members absent:

Catherine Davies
Stan Reiter

Staff present:

Michele Lubben – Land Use Administrator

Visitors present:

Kyle Kuenstling – applicant and owner via zoom

A quorum of members of the Jones County Board of Adjustment was achieved at 4:01 p.m. and Chairperson Cindy Hall called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Hinz seconded by Thomsen to approve the March 22, 2022, meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomsen seconded by Hinz open the public hearing at 4:02 p.m. for owners, Owners Kyle and Whitney Kuenstling have applied for a special permitted use in the A-Agricultural Zoning District for property described as Parcel 2013-63 in the NE ¼ SE ¼, Section 13 of Wyoming Township. More specifically, the special permitted use is for a seasonal dwelling unit according to Article XI Auxiliary and Seasonal Dwelling Units of the Jones County Zoning Ordinance. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator noted that the Board and applicant received copies of the application, aerial map, and written report. All adjoining landowner letters were sent and received. The red zoning sign was posted as required. There were no verbal or written comments received.

Kuenstling explained his proposal for a seasonal dwelling unit. He would like electrical service at the location which is serviced by Maquoketa Valley REC. Looking into options and costs for septic system and a well. Current plans are to have a port-o-potty for waste removal and have it pumped by a licensed contractor. Initial plans are for a small structure that would contain a fridge, sink, bed, very primitive but a place for their family to go on the weekends. For now, they will bring their own water. There is a creek

on the property. They bought the property from Franzen's in 2021. Long range plans would to possibly build a larger structure that would have the amenities of a dwelling (septic, well).

They discussed setbacks to the county road, the addressing of the property, building/electrical codes and requirements from Environmental Health. The Land Use Administrator will email contact information to the applicant/owner.

Motion by Thomsen seconded by Hinz to close the public hearing at 4:29 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion by the Board of Adjustment took place.

Motion by Hinz seconded by Thomsen to approve the Special Permitted Use application for owner, Owners Kyle and Whitney Kuenstling have applied for a special permitted use in the A-Agricultural Zoning District for property described as Parcel 2013-63 in the NE ¼ SE ¼, Section 13 of Wyoming Township.

Roll call vote:

Thomsen – Aye

Hinz - Aye

Hall - Aye

All aye. Motion carried.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Motion by Thomsen seconded by Hinz to adjourn at 4:33 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.