

**WHAT: MEETING MINUTES**

**WHEN: January 17, 2019**

**TIME: 4:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: District Courtroom Judicial Building**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Berkeley Orton (opened meeting, had to dismiss himself), Troy Wilkins, Lloyd Smith, Randy Gillette, Dacx Duffin, Dick Schafer**

Berkeley: calls to order, we have a quorum

Everyone on the board present introduces themselves.

Berkeley: dismisses himself and hands over to chairman Dacx

Dacx: Welcomes everyone. Run through on agenda, approve minute and one action item for Whiteside's CAFO Variance.

Everyone has reviewed the minutes

Randy: makes motion to approve December minutes

Dick: 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Everyone agrees, said "I"

Brett: Brandon Whiteside's from W4 Dairies made application for variance of ordinance for Title 8, Ch 12 Section 9. Reads from Ordinance- Any permit obtained over this chapter should be valid 3 years, written decision of the board and any permit presented for a longer period of time shall be considered commenced when construction has started for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of project. Must be occupied by 4 years of issuance of the board. This is why here today, to propose to extend. Previously permitted CAFO as of June 2017, we are reviewing of variance extension.

Brandon: 384 N 23 Lane W, Rupert. Representing W4 Dairy. June 2017 issued CAFO for Dairy. Since have started dirt work and infrastructure for dairies. Last yr we began conversations with U of I needing a site to build their State-of-the-Art research dairy facility. We entered 2 purchase and sales agreement. 1<sup>st</sup> with U of I for north half which includes improvements of dairy site. The other is for the south half, Idaho Dairy environmental action league foundation which is part United dairymen of Idaho. U of I would like us to obtain the variance for timeline to occupy the CAFO, therefore asking for a 10-year extension to variance. Alter timeline for occupation until 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2027. Plans are to be ahead of that. This project great thing for State of Idaho, Dairymen, a lot of research for the environment. Great for Minidoka County.

Evan Roth- Sawtooth Law offices. Represent ideal foundation of Idaho Dairymen's association. Research of how they have established this project in the past 10 years. June 2017 existing CAFO permit granted, incorporated all section 17. Ideal foundation will purchase southern half, division process will be made with county. 340 ac to north 300 ac to south. If approved, the CAFO permit as of June 2017 would be amended to incorporate legal description of north half. The southern half would be out of the CAFO with current legal info that currently exists. So, step one is to re-establish location of CAFO and then to the ordinance, extension of time. We have 3 years to occupy facility, build out improvements and additional year to occupy with cows and feeding equipment. Asking for 10 years, reasonable since 10-year time allowed. Hoping this project launches off sooner. Depending on cash and in-kind donations.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> no animal density requirements, defer to State dept of agriculture. 3900 animal units, pledge base acres. Animal units not changing, just split of ownership. Nutrient management plan is not changing. Just the name will be amended.

Looking at map on Exhibit C, parcel and satellite. Explaining locations and usages on maps

On Nutrient management plans during a sale it is assigned for a period of time and new owners than resubmit information on that, however we are just changing the name but everything else is staying the exact same. Incorporating all the acreage, distinction will be made that owned by someone else.

Brent Olmsted: with University of Idaho. Agriculture and live sciences. Intentions planned to be research facility very centric but involving agriculture. Study environmental footprint. No facility that size in country. Here will have about 1000 calves to do study and replicate study right at location. Study cows, manure impacts, soil and nutrients, ways to make efficiencies of water. Alfalfa and clover breeders, use less water, same with corn are far range intentions. Raising money, state of Idaho has given \$10 million. Discussing other income. Community outreach center, Pilot milk facility. 3 part 3 counties in Magic Valley working together. Start time around 2024. World renown research center

Gary: Works with the College of Southern Idaho, Joint with college. Supports to develop this project.

Dacx: Anyone else in favor, Neutral parties, against? No more speakers.

Lloyd: motion to close

Dick: 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Everyone agrees, said "I"

Close for deliberation

Dacx: Favor in extending variance time

Randy: Excited for Minidoka County to have this new technology and research facility, no better place, great location. In favor to extend variance time.

Dick: What would it do to County economically? I am always in favor for growth, research and education is big for me.

Troy: In favor to extend, split seems reasonable. In favor

Lloyd: set precedence by allowing it once, no issue to do again. Ordinance and codes in place.

Lance: no more animal units, Brett and I looked over codes and spoke to Evan. 2 motions needed

Dacx: Great opportunity for Mini-Cassia. Dairy and Ag is what fuels economy. Concern- how would we fit into variance? Is do-able

Lloyd: motion to approve the change of legal description and address on original CAFO to the new information- describes. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to amend the split and grant variance to a 10-year period- describes dates. June 2027

Randy: 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Dacx: has been moved and second to approve motion making amendment to CAFO application to W4 Dairy limited partnership to the north half of section 17 and also to grant extension to the original variance for 10 years.

All in favor

Randy: Make a motion that we return

Moved and seconded

Dacx: All in favor