Becker County Board of Adjustments June 10th, 2021

Present: Members: Chairman Roger Boatman, Lee Kessler, Michael Sharp, Craig Hall, Justin Knopf, Delvaughn King, Zoning Administrator Kyle Vareberg and E911/Zoning Technician Rachel Bartee.

Chairman Roger Boatman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. E911/Zoning Technician Rachel Bartee recorded the minutes.

10 Introductions were given.

12 Chairman Roger Boatman explained the protocol for the meeting and **Kessler** read the criteria for which a variance could be granted.

Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as modified for the May 13th, 2021 meeting. King seconded.
 All in favor, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: Eric J. Lunde 20936 Husby Rd Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Project Location: 26397 Co Hwy 37 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Tax ID Number: 28.0056.000; Shell Lake Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to construct a dwelling addition to be located at fifty (50) feet from the ordinary high-water mark of the lake, deviating from the required setback of one hundred (100) feet from the OHW of a recreational development lake and to be located at sixty-eight (68) feet from the centerline of a county highway, deviating from the required setback of ninety-five (95) feet from the centerline of a county highway, due to setback issues, topography and lot size. Tabled from the May 13, 2021 Hearing.

Vareberg presented the application.

Owner Eric Lunde was present. Lunde explained the request to construct a dwelling addition to be located at fifty (50) feet from the ordinary high-water mark of the lake and to be located at sixty-eight (68) feet from the centerline of a county highway. Lunde stated that since the Board visited the property on June 3rd, 2021, he has completed 80% of the planting and seeding. Lunde noted he submitted pictures along with a letter from contractor Ron Muff showing the progress he has made. Letters and pictures are on file in the Becker County Zoning Office. Boatman stated they have received the pictures and letter. Boatman asked what his plan was to complete the remaining 20% of the project, as Lunde has neglected it previously. Lunde stated he works nights and has been working lots of overtime resulting in the delay in the project. Lunde stated he will go out to the site tonight after the meeting and complete the rest of the planting before tonight's storm.

Kessler noted the existing cabin is on blocks, what is going to happen with it. Lunde stated the new addition will be slab on grade and the existing will have to be up because it has the plumbing underneath of it. Lunde stated Contractor Ron Muff confirmed he has completed many similar projects. The existing dwelling will

have boards to hold it up underneath and it will be anchored down on all four (4) corners. Lunde stated he is also planting pin oaks as a wind block along the road.

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Sharp asked what the plan is to water the native plants, watering is key to a successful planting. Lunde replied currently he is using lake water and watering every day. Lunde added he recently spoke with Itasca Coop to connect electrical so he can get irrigation completed out there.

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Kessler asked how he was going to control stormwater. Lunde replied that was part of the last variance, he plans to control the stormwater off the roof and use it to water the native plants.

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Letter presented to Board from contractor Ron Muff:

Ron Muff LLC.

29590 Maplewood Road Callaway, MN 56521 218-375-3377 Cell 218-204-0925 MPCA Lic #576 MN Bldg Lic #BC745764

Date: June 9, 2021

To: Whom it may concern

My name is Ron Muff and I am the contractor working with Eric on his construction project. The plan is to add on an 18ft by 24ft structure to the existing 12ft by 24ft structure. The new structure will be slab on grade with floor heat. The existing structure will need to have the crawl space closed in and insulated with spray foam so that can also be heated. With both structures heated it will minimize any movement between the two structures.

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No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

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Motion: Kessler made a motion to approve a variance to construct a dwelling addition to be located at fifty (50) feet from the ordinary high-water mark of the lake, deviating from the required setback of one hundred (100) feet from the OHW of a recreational development lake and to be located at sixty-eight (68) feet from the centerline of a county highway, deviating from the required setback of ninety-five (95) feet from the centerline of a county highway, due to setback issues, topography and lot size, due to the fact the request is out of the shore impact zone, the request will not negatively impact the neighbors and it is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Becker County Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan, with the stipulation the existing cabin is anchored, the deck is leveled, the addition will be slab on grade and the stormwater will be controlled on the property.

Sharp second. All in favor. Motion carried. Variance approved.

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SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: William L. Guy III & Marilyn Guy Trust 3651

- Fairway Rd N Fargo, ND 58102 Project Location: 20421 Oakland Beach Rd Detroit Lakes Tax ID
- Number: 08.1156.000; Detroit Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:
- 79 Request a variance to construct a detached garage to be located at zero (0) feet from the road right of way 80 of a township road, deviating from the required setback of twenty (20) feet from the ROW of a dedicated township road on a riparian lot, due to setback issues. 81

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Vareberg presented the application.

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98 99 Owners William & Marilyn Guy and Authorized Agent/Attorney, Charlie Ramstad, were present. Ramstad explained the request to construct a detached garage to be located at zero (0) feet from the road right of way of a township road. Ramstad stated this is a unique application, we are asking to eliminate the setback and to construct into the ROW. Ramstad stated the township granted them permission last December to construct five (5) feet into the ROW, the packet we submitted has a copy of the encroachment agreement. The agreement will allow at any time for the township to require future owners to move structures if the township needs them too. The survey maps show the existing drainfield runs under where the garage needs to be built. The township granted additional permission for the drainfield to be in the ROW. Ramstad stated we cannot build in the SW corner. Ramstad stated there is a practical difficulty, this is a reasonable use of the property, and it is a year-round garage that enhances the use of the property. Ramstad stated the properties on the north and south also have garages that were built before 1971 (when the Ordinance was established) and encroach further than we are proposing. Ramstad stated the plat was created in 1927 and lots were not that deep at the time, the development that has occurred over the years is substantial. Ramstad stated they received the watershed comments and the neighbor's letter. Ramstad stated he believes the neighbor believes the ROW is at the edge of the asphalt, which is incorrect, the ROW is really thirty-two (32) feet away from the edge.

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Kessler asked how many garages are on the ROW. Ramstad replied he has verified the lot to the north and south, however it appears that there are many more. Kessler asked what the width of Oakland Beach Road is. Ramstad replied 66', the actual pavement is 22'. Boatman asked what the garage size will be. Ramstad replied 25'x27'. Boatman asked if they could reduce the width. Ramstad replied anything is possible, however they would like to have room to store yard equipment in here as well as a vehicle.

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A letter about the request was presented to the Board from Adam Mortenson, Water Resource Coordinator, Water Resource Coordinator

- Hello,
- 112 PRWD had 2 comments in response to the Agenda for the June 10th Board of Adjustments meeting.
- 113 Please forward to the Becker County Board of Adjustments before the Thursday June 10th Meeting for their consideration.
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115 William L and Marilyn Guy Trust - If approved by Becker County, a PRWD Stormwater 116 117 Management Permit for the new structure (675 sqft) will need to be obtained. (Project trigger: >25% total impervious surface lot coverage in the Shoreland District). 118 119 120 Thank you, Adam Mortenson 121 Water Resource Coordinator 122 123 Pelican River Watershed District Wells-Fargo Bldg – Suite 201 124 211 Holmes Street West 125 126 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 www.prwd.org 127 (218) 846-0436 128 129 130 A letter opposed to the request was presented to the Board from DeAnn Gottsman, owner of parcel 08.1161.000, 20365 Oakland Beach Rd Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. 131 132 133 To Whom It May Concern: 134 135 Project Location: 20421 Oakland Beach Rd, Detroit Lakes 136 137 I have lived on Oakland Beach Rd for over 52 years. I have raised my family here and watched the neighborhood and neighbors change over the years. 138 139 140 I am concerned of the proposed request for a variance to construct a detached garage at zero feet from the right of way. I live south of the proposed request and travel by the property numerous 141 142 times a week, whether it is summer, fall, winter or spring. 143 144 I am worried for the traffic, beings the road is really only a single lane. There are a lot of visitors that come with having a place on the lake, and Oakland Beach Rd is no exception. I don't feel 145 there would be adequate parking if a garage is constructed. I have tried to pass many vehicles on 146 147 this road, and one vehicle always has to pull off into someone's driveway to allow the other to pass. Not only will the garage be too close to the road and not allow a vehicle to pull off to allow 148 another to pass, but the construction vehicles for the project will block the road during the 149 150 construction process. 151 My other apprehension is for snow removal. During winter there is only a single lane to travel 152 down with nothing extra plowed to allow for passing. I would be concerned for the property 153 owner as well with a snow cave in in front of their garage doors when there is the abundance of 154 155 snow since the snow removal on a rural township road is a grader. I have had issues myself during the winter months with the plow. Every spring, my grass is pushed up 3 feet into the 156 property, even if we use plow markers. The plow driver doesn't always see the markers and thus, 157 158 I believe there would be damage done to a garage this close to the road as well. I feel a detached garage located at zero feet from the roadway would cause many issues for other people and 159 160 visitors with parking, snow removal and driving. 161 162 Sincerely, 163 DeAnn Gottsman

20365 Oakland Beach Rd

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

Hall stated he is not a fan of building in the ROW, he is ok with O', adding they should move it closer to the house or make it less deep. Ramstad replied, the proposed overhang will go to the house, there is not room to move back. Marilyn Guy stated if they make it five (5) feet shorter the garage would be twenty-two (22) feet deep, which is barely enough to fit a car. Sharp replied it is not our authority to issue variances into the ROW, it is not our jurisdiction, and it opens up issues for liability.

Motion: Hall made a motion to **approve a variance** to construct a detached garage to be located at zero (0) feet from the road right of way of a township road, deviating from the required setback of twenty (20) feet from the ROW of a dedicated township road on a riparian lot, due to setback issues, due to the fact it makes good use of the lot.

Kessler second. All in favor. Motion carried. Variance approved.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: Lee & Melinda Wendel 11785 47th Cir NE Saint Michael MN, 55376 Project Location: 16115 W Little Cormorant Lake Rd Audubon, MN 56511 Tax ID Number: 02.0290.000; Audubon Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to construct a detached garage to be located at six (6) feet from the side property line, deviating from the required setback of ten (10) feet, on a lot one hundred (100) feet wide at

Vareberg presented the application.

the setback, due to setback issues.

Owner Lee Wendel was present virtually. Wendel explained the request to construct a detached garage to be located at six (6) feet from the side property line. Wendel stated they would like to construct a two (2) car garage on their lot on Little Cormorant Lake. Due to the wedge shape of the lot, one side of the lot line is tighter. We can meet the ten (10) foot setback on one corner and the other corner will be at six (6) feet. If we follow the setback guidelines to be at ten (10) feet on both sides, the garage will angle into the cabin awkwardly. Wendel stated they have spoken to the neighbors to the east, Jimmy & Kathleen Ruebke (02.0291.000), they are in support of the request, and we plan to landscape the area for them. Wendel noted they plan on controlling the stormwater on the lot as well.

Boatman asked why not move it back ten (10) feet, it would fit without a variance. Wendel replied the sketch is not the best as it shows a gap there, however if we move the garage back ten (10) feet, it will go to the patio edge, it pinches at the patio, it would be too narrow of an entrance. Boatman stated the Board does not design the project; however, you can easily move back four (4) feet. Hall asked what the distance was from the corner of the cabin to the garage. Wendel replied sixteen (16) feet. Hall agreed it could be moved back four (4) feet. Kessler asked how wide the patio was. Wendel replied 10'-12' feet in the middle. Knopf stated the garage can be built parallel to the property line instead of the cabin.

A letter was presented from Jimmy and Kathleen Ruebke, owner of parcel 02.0291.000; 16115 W Little Cormorant Rd Audubon, MN 56511. Letter is on file in the Becker County Zoning Office.

212 213 Good Afternoon -214 215 Lee and Melinda Wendel have asked Jim and I to agree to a variance when constructing a garage 216 on their property adjacent to our property. We understand property owners are normally permitted to construct a building 10 feet from the property line (once a building permit is 217 218 obtained, that is). 219 220 In this case, Lee and Melinda Wendel have asked Jim and I to agree to a variance to construct 221 their garage. We have discussed that the lakefront part of the garage will be (no less than) 6 222 feet from the property line and the roadside part of the garage will be 10 feet from the property 223 line. 224 225 This email is to inform you Jim and I agree to a variance for Lee and Melinda Wendel to 226 construct their garage as stated above. Please contact me by email if you have any questions. 227 228 Jim & Kathy Ruebke 229 16123 W. Little Cormorant Road 230 Audubon, MN 56511 231 701-361-5846 232 701-429-7899 233 234 No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence against the application. 235 At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the 236 Board. 237 238 Motion: Sharp made a motion to deny a variance to construct a detached garage to be located at six (6) 239 feet from the side property line, deviating from the required setback of ten (10) feet, on a lot one hundred 240 (100) feet wide at the setback, due to the fact there is no practical difficulty and there is room to shift the 241 structure and build without a variance and still have a reasonable patio. 242 243 Hall second. All opposed. Motion carried. Variance denied. 244 245 FORTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: Duane E & Geraldine A. Voit 410 13th St NE Dilworth, MN 56529 Project Location: 16005 221st St Audubon, MN 56511 Tax ID Number: 246 247 07.0164.000; Cuba Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a 248 variance to construct a patio, dwelling and attached garage to be located at one hundred twenty (120) feet 249 from the lake, deviating from the required setback of one hundred fifty (150) feet from a natural 250 environment lake, due to setback issues. 251

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Vareberg presented the application.

Owner Duane Voit was present. Voit explained the request to construct a patio, dwelling and attached garage to be located at one hundred twenty (120) feet from the lake. Voit stated they would like to place a new building on the lot that will be half garage half dwelling for seasonal use. Voit stated the required setback of one hundred fifty (150) feet would place the structure in the middle of the hill and the north side of the lot is a slough. Voit stated they could build to the east but would have to remove several trees so they would like to build to the south.

Boatman noted there is a previous variance approved for the lot that was not used, you are essentially building in the same place as the previous request. Hall noted there are three (3) mobiles/park models out there, are you removing any. Voit replied the one to the east is the neighbor, the park model is ours and the one to the south is our sons that is not hooked up. Boatman replied the previous variance had a condition to remove the park model within a year, is that still the intent. Voit replied yes.

No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

Hall stated he was in favor of approving a similar request as the past variance keeping the same stipulations. Boatman asked if all mobiles will be removed. Vareberg stated if you make Voit remove both you are making it more restrictive than the Ordinance, the Ordinance allows all lots to have one.

Motion: Hall made a motion to **approve a variance** to construct a patio, dwelling and attached garage to be located at one hundred twenty (120) feet from the lake, deviating from the required setback of one hundred fifty (150) feet from a natural environment lake, due to setback issues, due to the fact it is a good use of the land, with the stipulation the old park model is removed within one year of issuance of the permit or completion of structures.

Knopf second. All in favor. **Motion carried**. Variance **approved**.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: David Solum & Louise Kelly 25718 E Cozy Cove Rd Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Project Location: 25725 E Cozy Cove Rd Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Tax ID Number: 08.0123.000; Detroit Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to erect a dwelling to be located at forty-three (43) feet from the centerline of a township road, deviating from the required setback of fifty-three (53) feet from the centerline of a township road on a riparian lot, due to setback issues and lot size.

Vareberg presented the application.

Owners David Solum & Louise Kelly were present. Solum explained the request to erect a dwelling to be located at forty-three (43) feet from the centerline of a township road. Solum stated the red building that is sitting across on their neighbors' lot is the dwelling that is to be placed to the property. Solum stated they have done their best to plan this project by hiring Meadowland to locate the OHW, property lines, and locate the required setbacks. Solum stated they want to respect the lake and maintain the seventy-five (75) foot setback and the ten (10) foot side property line setback from the neighbors, causing the back corner to

be closer to the road than allowed. Solum stated it is choosing the worse of two evils encroaching on the road or the lake. Boatman replied they have a bad angle on the back of that lot. Kessler noted this lot seems to be a drainage way for some of the other lots. Solum stated they purchased the lot across the street about a year ago and have spoken with neighbors about these concerns and want the construction to be good for everyone. Kessler replied they must make sure it is good for them as well that they do not get water coming into the structure. Solum replied there will be a 4" concrete slab poured.

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A letter in favor of the request was presented to the Board from Erin Olstad, owner of parcels 08.0868.000 & 08.0869.000, 25523 Englewood Dr, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. Letter is on file in the Becker County Zoning Office.

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My husband Brad and I want to express our total approval of Dave and Louise's variance. We have personal knowledge that only a small corner of the cabin would be closer to the road that what the regulations currently allow. We do not believe that this will cause any problems for any of our neighbors. This will be an asset to our community on the north shore of Big Floyd Lake.

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- No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence against the application.
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- Hall stated it was a reasonable request and thinks it is important for the owner to know and understand
- 326 Kessler's concerns. Knopf stated he is in favor as they are not pushing the stormwater onto the neighbors
- and the neighbors are in favor of the request. Sharp stated it is a minimal request and not altering the
- 328 locality.

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- **Motion:** Kessler made a motion to **approve a variance** to erect a dwelling to be located at forty-three
- 331 (43) feet from the centerline of a township road, deviating from the required setback of fifty-three (53)
- feet from the centerline of a township road on a riparian lot, due to setback issues and lot size, due to the
- fact it fits within the character of the locality, it is the best placement on the lot, the request is outside of
- the shore impact zone, and it is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Becker County Ordinance
- and Comprehensive Plan.

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Sharp second. All in favor. **Motion carried**. Variance approved.

- 339 SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: Adam M. Haas & Jessica L. Kashmark 21676
- Black Beauty Lane Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 **Project Location:** 21676 Black Beauty Lane Detroit
- Lakes, MN 56501 Tax ID Number: 08.0797.507; Detroit Township APPLICATION AND

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to construct a shed three (3) feet from the side property line, deviating from the required setback for a water orientated structure to be centered in the center third of the lot and deviating from the required elevation for a WOS.

Vareberg presented the application.

Owners Adam M. Haas & Jessica L. Kashmark were present. Haas explained the request to construct a shed three (3) feet from the side property line, deviating from the required setback for a water orientated structure to be centered in the center third of the lot and deviating from the required elevation for a WOS. Haas explained they would like to build a 6'x20' storage shed, 6'x12' will be enclosed with an 8' overhang for firewood storage. Kashmark stated it would be more considerate of the neighbors' views of the lake to place it here than in the allowed center third of the lot. Kashmark presented sketches/pictures to the Board which show the difference placing the shed in the center third of the lot verses the requested three (3) feet from the side property line. Haas stated if they move it closer to the property line it would fit better with the topography of the land and existing vegetation/tree scape.

Boatman replied this is a want, not a need, adding they should meet at a minimum the required side property setback for a structure of ten (10) feet. Haas stated for a water orientated structure the required setback is to place it in the center third. Vareberg stated the center third is at forty (40) feet. Vareberg noted the request also includes a variance due to the topography of the lot not being conducive for a WOS, the Ordinance states you are supposed to visibly see over the building and this lot does not allow that. Kessler asked if they could move it back to ten (10) feet. Haas replied yes. Hall replied this request is too close. Hall stated three (3) feet is too close on a one hundred twenty-five (125) foot wide lot, the center third does not make sense, but ten (10) feet is good.

A letter about the request was presented to the Board from Adam Mortenson, Water Resource Coordinator, Water Resource Coordinator

Hello.

PRWD had 2 comments in response to the Agenda for the June 10th Board of Adjustments meeting. Please forward to the Becker County Board of Adjustments before the Thursday June 10th Meeting for their consideration.

Adam M. Haas & Jessica L. Kashmark- If approved by Becker County, A PRWD Shore Impact Zone Alterations Permit (Shore Impact Zone: 37.5' on GD lake) will be required (stormwater runoff to be managed from the new structure).

Thank you, Adam Mortenson Water Resource Coordinator Pelican River Watershed District Wells-Fargo Bldg – Suite 201 211 Holmes Street West Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 www.prwd.org

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No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

Motion: Kessler made a motion to approve a variance as modified, to construct a shed to be located no closer than ten (10) feet from the easterly side lot line, modified from the requested three (3) feet from the side property line, deviating from the required setback for a water orientated structure to be located in the center third of the lot and approved to deviate from the required elevation for a WOS, due to the fact it is a reasonable request, with the stipulation the request from the Pelican River Watershed District is followed, a PRWD Shore Impact Zone Alterations Permit (Shore Impact Zone: 37.5' on GD lake) will be required (stormwater runoff to be managed from the new structure).

Hall second. All in favor. Motion carried. Variance approved.

- SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT Jalon & Katie Martinson 318 48th Ave SW Moorhead, MN 56560 Project Location: 33250 S Cotton Lake Rd Rochert, MN 56578 Tax ID
- **Number:** 10.0155.000; Erie Township **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**
- Request a variance to construct a deck to be located at forty-three (43) feet from the lake, deviating from the required setback of one hundred (100) feet from a recreational development lake, due to setback

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Vareberg presented the application.

Father of Jalon Martinson, Myron Martinson, was present on behalf of Jalon & Katie Martinson. Martinson explained the request to construct a deck to be located at forty-three (43) feet from the lake. Martinson explained that there was a brick deck in the front of the house that was falling apart and breaking up, they would like to put a deck in its place.

Hall asked if the deck had been demolished already. Martinson stated it was recently demolished. The small deck was demolished a year ago, the paver deck that was around the wood deck was torn off. Hall stated not the concrete structure in front of the cabin. Martinson replied, no not the boathouse. Boatman stated we thought that is what you were talking about. Boatman stated so it has been removed. Martinson replied, yes, we did, it was in poor shape. Boatman asked if the request was in the shore impact zone. Vareberg replied yes it would be in the SIZ, the SIZ is at fifty (50) feet on this lake. Boatman stated you are requesting to be located seven (7) feet inside the SIZ. Martinson replied we need a variance, an eight (8) foot deck is a very minimal request. Kessler asked how far the boathouse is from the OHW was. Martinson replied it is up the hill quite a way, thirty-five (35) to forty (40) feet. Boatman stated that is very close.

Kessler asked if they were requesting a variance for a screen porch with a deck in front of it. Martinson replied no, the screen porch is existing, the variance is just for the deck. Martinson noted the porch was added on long before his son and daughter in law owned the lot, it used to be the old way to enter in the house. Vareberg noted they are replacing an impervious surface with a pervious one. Hall asked to verify that the pavers are coming out. Martinson replied yes.

No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for

discussion by the Board.

Boatman stated the request is in the SIZ, noting this is not past practice of the Board. Sharp stated the reduction is a win in impervious, this is a tradeoff. Knopf agreed, adding it is an improvement to the site. Hall stated it is never good to be in the SIZ, that being said, a lot of the building is, due to the fact it was built years and years ago, it is an improvement to the lot and will be more aesthetically

441 pleasing.

Motion: Sharp made a motion to **approve a variance** to construct a deck to be located at forty-three (43) feet from the lake, deviating from the required setback of one hundred (100) feet from a recreational development lake, due to setback issues, due to the fact it is a reasonable request, it is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Becker County Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan, it does not alter the character of the locality, other structures in the immediate vicinity have similar structures, the existing dwelling is closer to the OHW than the requested deck and the request will be decreasing the impervious coverage.

King second. All in favor. Motion carried. Variance approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT AK Land LLC 18097 Co Hwy 29 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Project Location: 18097 Co Hwy 29 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Tax ID Number: 10.0399.000; Erie Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to construct an addition to an existing business sign to have a total size of one hundred forty-four (144) square feet in surface area.

Vareberg presented the application.

Owner was not present.

Boatman stated they viewed the request on the tour, and it seemed to be a reasonable request. Kessler agreed. Vareberg added the sign is in a low area there and the current sign may be difficult to see with the speed of traffic going both ways on the state hwy. Boatman noted the request is for one hundred forty-four (144) square feet in size versus the allowed one hundred (100) square feet. Vareberg noted the sign portion of the Ordinance is restrictive.

No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

Boatman asked what the property was zoned. Vareberg replied Commercial.

Motion: Kessler made a motion to **approve a variance** to construct an addition to an existing business sign 476 to have a total size of one hundred forty-four (144) square feet in surface area, due to the fact it is a minimal 477 request, increasing the sign by forty-four (44) square feet, and it fits with other signs in the area.

Knopf second. All in favor. Motion carried. Variance approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: Jean M. Ostrom-Blonigen 3012 N 10th St Unit B12
Fargo, ND 58102 Project Location: 39950 Wothe Dr Frazee, MN 56544 Tax ID Number: 15.0493.505;
Height of Land Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to construct a screen porch to be located at seventy-two (72) feet from the OHW of the lake, deviating from the required setback of one hundred (100) feet on a recreational development lake, due to setback

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Vareberg presented the application.

Owner Jean M. Ostrom-Blonigen was present. Ostrom-Blonigen explained the request to construct a screen porch to be located at seventy-two (72) feet from the OHW of the lake. Ostrom-Blonigen stated she has owned the lot for the last 2.5 years. Ostrom-Blonigen stated there is an existing paver patio in the location she would like the screen porch to be. The paver patio is in poor condition, and she would like to replace it with a screen porch. Hall asked if the screen porch will be in the same location as the existing patio. Ostrom-Blonigen replied, it will be moved to the right slightly to accommodate the view from the window. Sharp stated the proposed porch would be slightly larger than what is existing. Ostrom-Blonigen replied one (1) foot in width and no closer to the lake. Boatman replied it is seventy-two (72) feet from the OHW of the lake. Kessler stated it is not much different than what is existing, she is just adding a roof.

No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

Sharp stated within the vicinity of property there are a lot of structures that are far closer than this, it is outside of the SIZ and it doesn't alter the character of the locality. Boatman asked the proposed dimensions. Ostrom-Blonigen replied 10'x 14'.

Motion: Knopf made a motion to approve a variance to construct a screen porch to be located at seventy-two (72) feet from the OHW of the lake, deviating from the required setback of one hundred (100) feet on a recreational development lake, due to setback issues due to the fact it is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Becker County Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan, the request is outside of the SIZ, within the vicinity of the property there are a lot of structures that are far closer than this, it fits within the character of the locality, and will use the property in a reasonable manor.

Sharp second. All in favor. Motion carried. Variance approved.

- **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: Donald McCullagh** 3663 22nd St S Fargo, ND
- 518 58104 **Project Location:** 11419 Lake Maud Dr Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 **Tax ID Number:**

17.0319.000; Lake Eunice Township **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a variance to construct a shed to be located at thirty (30) feet from the OHW of the lake, deviating from the required setback of one hundred (100) feet on a recreational development lake, due to setback issues.

Vareberg presented the application.

Owner Donald McCullagh and wife Marjorie McCullagh were present. McCullagh explained the request to construct a shed to be located at thirty (30) feet from the OHW of the lake. McCullagh stated he would like to replace the boathouse in the same location it was in previously. Boatman stated they saw no evidence of a boathouse when they toured the property. Vareberg replied there are photos in the packet which show the previous structure. McCullagh replied, it had been torn down a few years ago, they thought they were able to rebuild it in the same location but misunderstood that it had to be done within a certain time frame, therefore they need a variance to rebuild it. McCullagh stated they did not know about the statute that if it were not kept up/maintained we could not replace it. McCullagh stated they have chosen to redo the entire lot making it more conforming than what was existing and reducing the overall impervious coverage. McCullagh noted the request is consistent with the other structures on the lot and in the area and the proposed location minimizes the need to remove trees.

 Boatman replied they can very easily find another place to put this structure. McCullagh stated that he and his wife are mobility limited. McCullagh added the topography is not such it could be relocated; we would have to take down many trees and move large rocks. Boatman stated it is not the Boards position to design the project or tell you where to put it, but you should move it elsewhere outside of the SIZ. McCullagh stated he does not know where the drainfield and septic are going, no one else has suggested that he consider that. McCullagh stated the storage shed will be for lake front things not for garage items, the new house will have a double garage, this shed is for lake toys, we are mobility limited so we want it close to the lake, the whole point of this lot is so that it is flat with easy access, as we become more impaired over time. Sharp asked if they could shift it toward the carport. McCullagh stated the lot is slanted there. Marjorie McCullagh replied locating it in its former position allows for relocation for docs and lifts, it allows a through fare for removing things from the lake. Sharp stated the former structure was ten (10) feet and now you want fifteen (15) in height. Marjorie McCullagh replied, it will have a greater slope, but the existing and proposed heights are just estimates, it will be slightly higher than the previous shed. Marjorie McCullagh stated we are doing great improvements to this lot, we purchased it in very poor condition. There have been some delays in accomplishing it. We destroyed the existing structure because we thought we could rebuild it, this wouldn't have been an issue.

Sharp stated a neighbor commented on the removal of the retaining wall. McCullagh replied they plan on replacing the rocks, the rocks are being stored on the property, they removed them to accommodate construction. Boatman noted there was a variance granted for this property in 2019 (Correction for record Variance was granted in 2017 and expired in 2019) which stipulated that all structures are removed from the shore impact zone and now here you are requesting to be in the SIZ. McCullagh replied they did not agree to that variance, we choose to disregard that variance and are going a different route to develop the lot, we are meeting all other Ordinance requirements now, the only variance we need is to replace this shed. Boatman replied that the patio/deck will still be in the SIZ, and the boathouse is in the SIZ. Marjorie McCullagh replied how does the patio impact the request. Boatman replied now you will have two

structures in the SIZ. Kessler asked why they can't move back out of the SIZ. Boatman said it would be easy to do. Marjorie McCullagh stated it would be a hardship to carry stuff from the lake. Don McCullagh added they would also have to remove trees.

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A letter opposed of the request was presented to the Board, by Vareberg, from a neighbor of the McCullagh's. Letter is on file in the Becker County Zoning office.

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Hello Ms. Bartee:

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We are the neighbors of the McCullagh's, and we would like to comment on the upcoming variance application review.

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As you look at the attached pictures, please note that the existing structure does not appear to be 10 feet. It might even be a stretch to say it was 8 feet. If a 15 foot 'boathouse' is put in its place it will totally obstruct our view of the lake from our deck. Also, in speaking with the neighbors we are not sure why it is referred to as a 'boathouse' as it has always been a shed where tools and lawn mowers were stored.

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Road Type: County
Proposed Imp. Surface Coverage: 24.01%
Proposed Structure Sq Ft: 10x20 = 200
Proposed Structure Height: 15
Proposed Basement Sq Ft: no
Change to main structural framework? Yes

Other Questions Review

- 1. Is the variance in harmony with the purposes and intent of the ordinance? Yes
- Explain: The boathouse will be replaced in the same location. It will be smaller than the original structure. The original structure was 10x21, we are requesting a 10x20. We are meeting all other setbacks. We have a very low impervious coverage, well under the allowed 25%
- 2. Is the Variance consistent with the Becker County Comprehensive Plan? Yes Explain: The proposed structure is located in Policy District 3, and meets objectives to promote recreational assets.
- 3. Does the proposal put the property to use in a reasonable manner? Yes Explain: Property will be used in a residential/recreational manner, consistent with surrounding area. Placement minimizes need to remove trees and is compatible with the topography while maintaining function as a boathouse.

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Another comment I would like to make is in speaking with the immediate neighbors 'appreciative' is not an adjective that was used.

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5. Will the variance maintain the essential character of the locality? Yes

Explain: There are multiple similar boathouses in Lake Maud/Eunice area. We are greatly improving the lot. Neighbors are appreciative of the rebuild. It will be much more aesthetically pleasing.

The attached pictures of this shed still erect were taken on April 19, 2021. What constitutes 'too long ago'?

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Non-Dwelling Proposed Review

Non-dwelling related project (2A): Storage Shed

- Existing Dimensions: Was a 10 x21- Removed too long ago to qualify for build in footprint
- Proposed Dimensions: 10x20=200
- If water oriented structure, review 1) elevation difference between highest pt. of structure and lot elevation at standard setback; 2) lot location requirements are met

Also, according to the drawing the carport will only be 5 feet from the property line. Our understanding was that it has to be 10 feet.

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One last thing that we are concerned about, they removed the rock retaining wall on the southwest side of the property. If we have torrential rains, it could cause extensive damage. Is this retaining wall going to be replaced?



Thank you!

Marjorie McCullagh stated they have had the lot surveyed and they are well within the ten (10) foot setback allowed. Don McCullagh added it was three (3) feet and we moved it back to ten (10) feet.

No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

Hall stated there are other areas to place the shed outside of the SIZ without interfering with the neighbors. Boatman stated they should be consistent with the 2017 Variance to remove structures from the SIZ. Sharp stated the shed should be moved back to fifty (50) feet.

Request was tabled by the applicant.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT John & Joyce Hajostek 1206 47th Ave N Fargo, ND 58102 Project Location: 31653 Sugar Creek Rd Ogema, MN 56569 Tax ID Number: 32.0336.000, 32.0337.000, & 32.0338.000; Sugar Bush Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to construct an addition to an existing non-conforming basketball court to be located at twelve (12) feet from the township road right of way, deviating from the required setback of twenty (20) feet from a township road right of way for a detached structure.

Vareberg presented the application.

Owner John Hajostek was present virtually. Hajostek explained the request to construct an addition to an existing non-conforming basketball court to be located at twelve (12) feet from the township road right of

way. Hajostek stated the proposed addition will not be closer than the existing court, the addition will be added to the length not the width. Hajostek stated the addition will be to convert it to a pickleball court.

No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

 Motion: Kessler made a motion to **approve a variance** to construct an addition to an existing non-conforming basketball court to be located at twelve (12) feet from the township road right of way, deviating from the required setback of twenty (20) feet from a township road right of way for a detached structure, due to the fact it is a reasonable request, and it is no closer to the road than the existing structure.

Knopf second. All in favor. Motion carried. Variance approved.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT: Green Valley Bean Company LLC 58473 St Hwy 34 Park Rapids, MN 56470 Project Location: 58473 St Hwy 34 Park Rapids, MN 56470 Tax ID Number: 21.0256.000 & 21.0261.002; Legals: 21.0256.000: Osage Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to be at 40% lot coverage, deviating from the allowed coverage of 25% on an agricultural zoned lot, with the stipulation the two lots be combined.

Vareberg presented the application.

Owner John Berthold, President of Green Valley Bean Company, LLC was present. Berthold explained the request to be at 40% lot coverage, deviating from the allowed coverage of 25% on an agricultural zoned lot, with the stipulation the two lots be combined. Berthold stated on May 17th, 2021, the facility experienced a fire which destroyed our warehouse. These were existing non-conforming structures, so we need a variance permit to rebuild them. Berthold explained they purchased the property to the east and plan on combining the properties which will reduce the overall impervious coverage. Boatman asked if the rebuild will have provisions for a fire wall. Berthold replied, the proposal will be three separate structures, twenty (20) feet apart. Hall asked what the new building sizes will be. Berthold replied 180'x128', 70'x130' and 40'x64', they come in eight (8) foot increments.

No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

Motion: Sharp made a motion to **approve a variance** to be at 40% lot coverage, deviating from the allowed coverage of 25% on an agricultural zoned lot, due to the fact it is a reasonable request, it is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Becker County Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan, it will not alter the character of the locality and the request will result in a reduction of impervious coverage, with the stipulation the two lots be combined.

King second. All in favor. Motion carried. Variance approved.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT Josh & Kayla Swangler 21246 Co Hwy 29 Rochert, MN 56578 Project Location: 18178 Co Hwy 29 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Tax ID Number: 10.0379.000; Erie Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to be at 47% over the allowable 30% lot coverage. Also requesting a variance to construct structures to be located at ten (10) feet from the side yard setback, ten (10) feet from the rear yard setback, ten (10) feet from the County Highway ROW and twenty-six (26) feet from the centerline of a township road.

Vareberg presented the application.

Owner Josh Swangler was present. Swangler explained the request to be at 47% over the allowable 30% lot coverage and requesting a variance to construct structures to be located at ten (10) feet from the side yard setback, ten (10) feet from the rear yard setback, ten (10) feet from the County Highway ROW and twenty-six (26) feet from the centerline of a township road. Swangler stated the property is zoned commercial and he purchased the lot a year ago. Swangler stated the request is for cold storage and will be one solid building with partition walls in between. Swangler noted he received a letter from WCEC Environmental Consultants about removing the test wells from the parcel. Swangler stated he wanted to have a letter from them knowing it may be a topic of concern before he brought the request to the Board. Swangler noted the request is well over on impervious, but he is willing to modify his request to what the Board sees fit on the lot. Swangler stated he wants to make it a meaningful spot on the property.

Boatman stated the request is well over the impervious allowed, asking Swangler if there is a different way to arrange this on the property. Swangler stated on the backside it will be 180'x35' for buildings 1-6 and 7-11. Units 12-15 are bonus units, if we removed them, it would remove 3600 square feet of impervious surface from the lot. Hall stated he is in favor of the project with the removal of units 12-15. Hall asked if Swangler could modify his setbacks to become more conforming with units 12-15 gone. Vareberg noted the ROW on the Co Hwy is much larger on this lot, it is one hundred fifty (150) feet, standardly the are one hundred (100) or sixty-six (66) feet. Vareberg explained if Swangler moved back another ten (10) feet, he would still not be meeting the required setback, he would be at ninety (90) feet, conforming would be at one hundred five (105) feet for this lot. Hall asked Swangler if he could move back ten (10) feet. Swangler replied yes.

Charles "Chuck" Chadbourne, Erie Township Chairperson, was present. He stated the Township Board was concerned about the contamination of soil and water and wanted to see the letter from WCEC Environmental Consultants Swangler had received. Swangler provided Chadbourne copies.

No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

Hall stated he agrees with the removal of units 12-15 (3600 square feet) from the plan and moving units 7-11 ten (10) feet further west back from the Co Hwy ROW.

Motion: Hall made a motion to approve a variance to be at 77% lot coverage less units 12-15 (3600 sq ft), modified from the requested 77% lot coverage. Also, approve a variance to construct structures to be located at ten (10) feet from the side yard setback, ten (10) feet from the rear yard setback, and twenty (20) feet from the County Highway ROW, modified from the requested ten (10) feet from the County Highway ROW and twenty-six (26) feet from the centerline of a township road, due to the fact it is a fair and reasonable request.

Sharp second. All in favor. **Motion carried**. Variance **approved**.

- 727 FORTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT Terrill K & Karla M. Klein 4402 27th St N
- 728 Unit 3, Fargo, ND 58102 **Project Location:** 41450 Co Rd 126 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 **Tax ID**
- 729 Number: 28.0206.000; Shell Lake Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:
- Request a variance to construct a detached garage to be located at five (5) feet from the road right of way
- of a county highway, deviating from the required setback of forty-five (45) feet from the ROW of a
- 732 county highway, due to setback issues and lot size.

Vareberg presented the application.

Owner Terrill K. Klein was present. Klein explained the request to construct a detached garage to be located at five (5) feet from the road right of way of a county highway. Klein stated they would like to build a 24'x30' garage. Klein stated the way the lot is there is not much room for anything. The request would look like the house and complement the property. Klein stated this will not be for vehicles, it will be for toys and vard equipment to clean up the items that are currently stored in the yard.

Hall stated the south side of the garage will be closest to the ROW, five (5) feet to the pin, noting the southwest corner that is going to drop off into the ditch. Hall asked if they could move it closer to the drainfield and off the ROW. Klein stated they could try to shift it north, noting he has thirty-seven (37) feet there so he could move it eight (8) feet to the north. Vareberg noted there is a rock bed there, the mound system has an absorption area and we do not want to place the garage on top of that. Vareberg stated if the garage is placed eleven (11) feet from the ROW it would be two (2) feet off the mound system, which is acceptable.

A letter in favor of the request was presented to the Board from Jack Gerberding, owner of parcel 28.0205.001, 41415 Co Rd 126 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. Letter is on file in the Becker County Zoning Office.

Ms. Bartee,

I am aware of Terrill Klein's proposed garage and am in full support of allowing the variance. I have adjacent lake footage and reside directly across the road from them. I personally will feel no adverse effects, nor do I believe any exist.

760 Sincerely,

762 Jack Gerberding

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No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence against the application.

At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the

Board.

Hall notes pushing it back is better than what was requested. Knopf stated this is a good compromise, if the County came through to redo the road it would be an issue if we allowed it any closer.

Motion: Knopf made a motion to approve a variance to construct a detached garage to be located at eleven (11) feet, modified from the requested five (5) feet from the road right of way of a county highway, deviating from the required setback of forty-five (45) feet from the ROW of a county highway, due to setback issues and lot size, due to the fact it is a reasonable request, it is a good use of the lot, it is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Becker County Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan and it is using the lot in a reasonable manor.

Hall second. All in favor. Motion carried. Variance approved.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: APPLICANT Kent L. & Gretchen L. Anderson 1325 3rd St N Fargo, ND Project Location: 29261 Sugar Hill Dr Ogema, MN 56569 Tax ID Number: 32.0421.000; Sugar Bush Township APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a variance to construct two (2) decks to be located at zero (0) feet from a bluff deviating from the required setback of thirty (30) feet, due to topographical issues.

Vareberg presented the application. Vareberg stated that they were allowed and permitted to construct on a bluff in the past.

Owner Kent L. Anderson were present virtually. Anderson explained the request to construct two (2) decks to be located at zero (0) feet from a bluff. Anderson stated they are not happy about the bluff situation. Anderson stated in 1987 it was not considered a bluff when the building was placed on the lot, in 2006 it was not considered a bluff when the septic was installed, and in 2018 it was not considered a bluff when the shed was put on the lot.

No one spoke for or against the application. There was no written correspondence for or against the application. At this time, testimony was closed. Chairman Roger Boatman opened the matter for discussion by the Board.

Vareberg explained there was not lidar technology in the past to verify this was a bluff. Sharp stated the impervious is not changing and it is very low.

Motion: Hall made a motion to approve a variance to construct two (2) decks to be located at zero (0) feet from a bluff deviating from the required setback of thirty (30) feet, due to topographical issues, due to the fact it is a reasonable request, it is in harmony with the area and community, and it will not negatively impact any neighbors.

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811	SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Info	ormational Meeting. The next informational meeting is
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813	Courthouse. As there was no further business	to come before the Board, King made a motion to adjourn
814	the meeting. Sharp seconded. All in favor. I	Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
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817	Chairman Roger Boatman	Kyle Vareberg,
818		Planning and Zoning Administrator