

Town of Hawthorne

Special Public Meeting

Zoning from Residential to Agricultural

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kent Paulsen, Chad Moss, Guy Clemmer, Becky Hallberg and Debra Wermter were all present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Schwirtz, Jim Grymala, Mark Liebart, Barb McDaniel, Todd Asanovich, Lori Cypher, Rueban Risley, Mathew Bennelly, Robert Dahlberg, Lindsey, Dahlberg, Michael Peterson, Mike OHara, Brookelyn Nelson, Tim Correll, Katie Grymala and Brendan Dahlberg.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE: Chairman, Kent Paulsen brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kent Paulsen asked if Katie G would explain her position on the zone change. She will be having at the most four cows and four horses. She and her husband will be building a home there. She would like to establish a place to give back to the 4-H kids. The property is 80 acres.

Todd Asanovich would like to see that in the future adjoining residents to a zoning change are notified. This would avoid a lot of wondering the future of the adjoining properties. He is here to discuss concerns on ground water contamination. Lori Cypher, who is a neighbor, is a professor at the college UWS. Was reading many articles on water contamination and pest control from animal waste.

Jim Grymala discussed the fact that he moves the waste from his animals to higher ground. Cannot put animals in low land areas.

Mark Liebeart stated that Douglas County does testing of wells all the time, and there has never been any sign of contamination. Lori would like to see everyone be good stewards of the land. He also said Douglas County does do water monitoring on the county level.

Water contamination, speculations come into play when you have no idea of the land use.

Kent said that he sticks with the approval of the permit, and Guy second, motion carried. Guy made motion to allow the zoning from residential to agricultural, Chad made a new motion to accept the change. Also to make sure neighbors and adjoining landowners are notified of zoning changes that may affect other residents. This is not a law but good practice.

ADJOURN: Guy made motion to adjourn, Chad second, motion carried.