MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Thursday February 24, 2022

The Board of Adjustment convened in regular session on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at the Pope County Courthouse, 3rd floor Meeting Room.

Members Present: Roger Isdahl (C), Mark Halls (VC), Ivie Cooley, John Messenger, and Ted Kannegiesser

Other Officials Present: David Green (Land & Resource Management Director), Paul Gerde (County Commissioner)

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Director Green at 6:05 p.m.
First order of business is to seek nominations for chairperson. Director Green seeks nominations for Chairperson. Halls nominates Isdahl. Seconded by Cooley. Director Green seeks other nominations. With no other nominations, the Board members present vote in unanimous support of Isdhal for Chairperson. Director Green turns the meeting over to Chairperson Isdahl at which point Isdahl seeks nominations for Vice Chair. Motion by Cooley and seconded by Messenger to nominate Halls for vice chairperson. With no other nominations, the Board member present vote in unanimous support of Halls for vice chairperson.
Kannegiesser arrives at meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda
There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Annual Organization Business
Board members discuss by-laws, meeting dates and site team selection. There was no action taken to modify the by-laws or meeting dates. The site team is comprised of Messenger, Kannegiesser, and Feigum.

Review minutes of December 16, 2021
The minutes of the Board of Adjustment meeting that was held on December 16, 2021 were submitted for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Messenger and seconded by Cooley. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

General Business
There were no updates from the Land & Resource Management department or concerns of the Board discussed.

Tabled/Old Business
There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Variance-Craig and Barbara Wetter
Chairperson Isdahl introduces the item and fields discussion between the Board and the Director. The Wetter's, who are not present, have requested that the Board take action to table their decision until the March meeting so that they could be available for participation. Director Green states that the variance request had been noticed in the newspaper and that neighboring property owners had been notified.

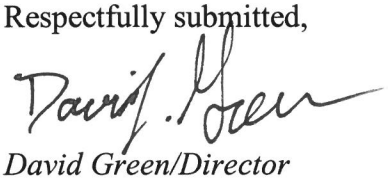
Director Green suggests that the Public Hearing could be held in an effort to receive testimony from anyone who may be opposed or in favor of the project. At 6:20 p.m., the Chairperson declares the Public Hearing to be open. There was no testimony received either in support of or against the variance request. Director Green states that neither did their office received any testimony or comment from the public in this matter. Chairperson Isdahl closes the Public Hearing at 6:21. Cooley makes motion to table decision until the next regularly scheduled BOA meeting. Motion is seconded by Halls. Motion is supported by unanimous vote of the five (5) Board members present.

Variance-David and Nancy Raddatz

Chairperson Isdahl introduces the item and asks the Director to present the staff report. Director Green states that the applicants have provided narrative in support of establishing their practical difficulty and that the department does not object to the issuance of a variance in this case. Board members ask questions regarding nonconforming structures, and how to account for accessibility for the disabled. Applicants David and Nancy Raddatz provide context for the variance request. They are desiring to add another bathroom and bedroom to their seasonal structure in an effort to make it more comfortable for them and their family. Halls askes about the impact of providing for accessibility and whether or not that would need to be identified in the variance. Director Green states that a disable person should not be denied or held to a different standard in regard to access to their property as someone who may not be disabled. Director Green points out that the specific variance request is to expand a nonconforming structure, not for provide for access. The access issue will be handled though the design and subsequent permitting of the addition. Therefore, any mention of accessibility is not necessary to identify in the motion to approve or deny the variance request. Messenger asks the applicants if they intend to construct a garage in the future. Applicants respond by stating that the construction of a garage is not planned at this time. Cooley asks question regarding the pitch of the proposed roof as it relates to water runoff. Other Board members weight in on roof pitch orientation, design opinions and general carpentry comments. At 6:54 p.m., chairperson Isdahl seeks public input via Public Hearing on the subject matter. There being no one present to speak either in favor of or against the proposal, Chairperson Isdahl closes the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m. The site team shares their findings followed by the Director Green reading Findings from the staff report. Motion by Halls to approve of the variance request with conditions attached as specified in the staff report. Motion is supported by unanimous vote of the five (5) Board members present.

Adjournment 7:13 p.m. Motion by Halls to adjourn the Board of Adjustment meeting with a second by Cooley. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Respectfully submitted,



David Green/Director
Pope County Land & Resource Management