MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Thursday June 27, 2019

The Board of Adjustment convened in regular session on Thursday, June 27, 2019 the Pope County Courthouse, Community Room.

Members Present: Ivie Cooley, John Messenger, Mark Halls and Brian Jergenson

Other Officials Present: David Green (Land & Resource Management Director), Shelley Cameron (Sr. Administrative Associate), Barry Bouwman (Feedlot Officer/Co. Ag Inspector), Larry Lindor (County Commissioner), and Cody Rogahn (County Commissioner)

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Messenger at precisely 6:00 p.m.

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Review minutes of May 23, 2019

The minutes of the Board of Adjustment meeting that was held on May 23, 2019 were submitted for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Cooley. Seconded by Halls. Motion carried.

Variance-Adam Kellor on behalf of Mary Beth Wells

Vice Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Adam Kellor is present. Director Green presents staff report and states that staff does not object to the issuance of a variance. Vice Chairman Messenger asks the applicant for any additional comments. Applicant Adam Kellor explains where the proposed three season porch will be located and states "the property owner broke her knee and she is 70 years old. The idea is to have this done so she can still use it with a walker or a wheelchair or what have you." Vice Chairman Messenger opens to the public asking if there is anyone speaking in favor of this Variance. None noted. Vice Chairman Messenger asks if there is anyone speaking against this Variance. None noted. Vice Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Vice Chairman Messenger asks for comments from the site team. Cooley states "I don't think it extends any further to the lake and making it handicap accessible seems reasonable to me." Vice Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Cooley states "based upon the Findings of Fact as presented in the staff report, I move to approve the variance request for a water oriented accessory structure to exceed the ten-foot height limitation provided that it is constructed and maintained in compliance with the identified conditions." Vice Chairman Messenger seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Variance-Martin Gjerde

Vice Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Martin Gjerde, Bob Brickweg, & Holly Wallgren from Colorful Seasons are present. Director Green presents staff report and states that staff does not object to the issuance of a variance with four conditions listed in staff report. Commissioner Lindor asks for clarification of comments being addressed by the DNR. Director Green states "this would be addressed with a comprehensive stormwater management plan." Cooley asks for clarification on the impervious. Director Green states "the cover is still 32% but you will be capturing

the water for storage." Vice Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicants. There is discussion about the proposal by Bob Brickweg with Colorful Seasons. Applicant Martin Gjerde comments "the pavers should do more than the job." Vice Chairman Messenger opens to the public asking if there is anyone speaking in favor of this variance. None noted. Vice Chairman Messenger asks if there is anyone speaking against. None noted. Vice Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Vice Chairman Messenger asks for comments from the site team. Cooley states "it looks very reasonable and mitigating the water flow. I think it meets the requirements." Vice Chairman Messenger states "I agree it looks like a good design." Vice Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Halls states "based upon the Findings of Fact as presented in the staff report, I move to approve of the variance request to exceed impervious surface coverage of 25% thereby allowing for the master bathroom addition provided that the conditions as identified in the staff report are complied with." Cooley seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Variance-Roger & Sharon Isdahl

Vice Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Roger Isdahl is present. Director Green presents staff report and states that staff does not object to the issuance of a variance. Halls asks "are there any barriers?" Applicant Roger Isdahl states "it is up about three feet on peers but there are no barriers." Vice Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Roger Isdahl states "I plan to stay as far away as the existing bin. We would not be encroaching any closer than to what is currently there." Vice Chairman Messenger opens to the public asking if there is anyone speaking for this variance. None noted. Vice Chairman Messenger asks if there is anyone speaking against this variance. None noted. Vice Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Vice Chairman Messenger asks for comments from the site team. Cooley states "I agree with Mr. Halls and would need a barrier, but there is no one out there on this road and it is very remote." Vice Chairman Messenger states "it is a very lightly traveled road." Vice Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Halls states "based upon the Findings of Fact as presented in the staff report, I move to approve of the variance request to locate propane tank structure at 65 feet from the centerline of the road right of way. Jergenson seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Variance-Timothy & Jodi Dittes

Vice Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicants Timothy & Jodi Dittes with contractor Jerry Kerkvliet are present. Director David Green presents staff report and staff recommendation. Staff does not believe that the information submitted supports the variance request. Vice Chairman Messenger Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicants. Timothy Dittes states "the concrete is there and we want to cover where that is. It's not going to block any view from neighbors. We believe it will make it look nicer and make better use of it. If we put the roof line over we hope to take care of the water leak." Jerry Kerkvliet states "it is currently tile and water runs off and the roof would be to cover already two impervious surfaces that exist." Commissioner Lindor asks "where will the roof line will be." Jerry Kerkvliet states "the edge of the roof will be where the railings are now." Halls asks "where will the water be running." Jerry Kerkvliet states "right now it's been falling on the deck and it's having a problem with mold issues with it. If the new roof was put on with a gutter to direct the

water to the sides." Vice Chairman Messenger opens to the public asking if there is anyone speaking for this variance. None noted. Vice Chairman Messenger asks if there is anyone speaking against this variance. None noted. Vice Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Vice Chairman Messenger asks for comments from the site team. Cooley states "there is a lot of layers on the top deck with tile and many layers added. I do think this is an expansion to the house. I think the need for the mold reduction is definitely necessary but it results in an expansion." Vice Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Cooley states "I move to deny the variance request as presented. The Findings do not support that a "practical difficulty" was established." Jergenson seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Tabled/Old Business

There was no tabled or old business.

Adjournment 7:01 p.m. Motion by Jergenson to adjourn the Board of Adjustment meeting. Motion seconded by Cooley. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted. Brian Jergenson arrived at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Cameron/Sr. Administrative Associate
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