

**ELMORE COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Chairperson Nettleton called the meeting to order, and established a quorum. Members of the Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission present were Chairperson Nick Nettleton, Vice Chairperson Patti Osborn, Rusty Trail, Al Sobtzak, Debbie Lord and KC Duerig. Also present were Attorney of Record Phil Miller, and staff members, Bonnie Sharp, Kacey Hultenius, and Beth Westerwelle.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

TLK Farms, LLC, Terry and Linda Ketterling for a Confined Animal Feeding Operation Permit for a Dairy in an Agriculture A Zone. Site is located in portions of Section 2,3,10, and 11 of Township 5 South, Range 6 East, B.M.

Commission Member Trail recused himself from these hearings.

Westerwelle gave staff report and background.

Matt Thompson is an engineer with Ag Tech Engineering in Twin Falls and has been working with the applicant with this CAFO application. He stated that they helped to design the facilities and assemble the application to meet the County zoning requirements. He stated that he has met all criteria for an approval. He stated that this application is for an expansion to the existing CAFO and will include an additional 8,260 milking cows and 900 dry cows. He stated that they are proposing to build 2 additional corrals on each end and a new lagoon, a new milking parlor and hospital for sick cows. He stated that as part of the expansion the applicant will construct an interior road along the outside of the facilities. Nettleton stated that in the application there was a violation noted and asked what it was. Thompson stated that it was a temperature recording device to monitor the temperature of the milk and the charts were not changed or initialed as they should have been. He stated that the violation was corrected with no consequence.

Terry Ketterling is the applicant. He stated that the advantage of the new road being proposed would keep traffic off of Beat Dump Road. He stated that the new lagoon will make it easier to manage wastewater. The following signed up in support of the project but not all wished to testify:

Stephanie Bergh

David Snider stated that since the dairy started Ketterling has run a first rate operation. He stated that this is good for the tax base and jobs for Elmore County.

Brad Goff

Henry Ashby

Jesse Rodriguez is representing the Elmore County Ag Coalition. He read a letter submitted by the Vice President Dave Bergh stating his support for this application.

John Cristobol

Ronnie Bergh

Ron Swearingen stated that he had submitted a letter previously.

Larry Essen is a Simplot employee and stated that TLK Dairy has benefitted their company with seed and fertilizer and the application should be approved.

Mike Grimett is an employee of TLK Dairy. He stated that this is a win project for the county.

Luis Lasuen

Approved

Approved

John Hopson
Mitchell Smith
Cathy Smith
Ed De Grout

The following signed up in opposition but did not wish to testify:

Patrick Montgomery
Melvin Fouke
Nicole Fouke

There was no further testimony.

Terry Ketterling stated that with the milk prices down that they may not start to build right away if the application is approved.

Nettleton closed this public hearing.

Commission Action:

Sobtzak moved to approve as the application meets all the standards for a CUP.

Duerig seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Nick Nettleton, Chairperson

Date:

Attest: _____

Bonnie Sharp, Administrator

Date: