

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
January 27th, 2025, MEETING MINUTES
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The meeting of the Goodhue County Board of Adjustment was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Daniel Knott at the Goodhue County Government Center Board Room.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Daniel Knott, Randy Rechtzigel, Scott Breuer, Dennis Tebbe, and Jeff Traxler.

Commissioners Absent: BOA representative from the PAC (election will be held tonight at the PAC meeting).

Staff Present: Land Use Management Director Megan Smith and Zoning Assistant William Lenzen.

1. Approval of Agenda

¹Motion by Commissioner Tebbe and seconded by Commissioner Breuer to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion carried 5:0

2. Approval of the previous month's meeting minutes

²Motion by Commissioner Rechtzigel and seconded by Commissioner Tebbe to approve the previous month's meeting minutes.

Motion carried 5:0

3. Conflict/Disclosure of Interest

There were no reported conflicts/disclosures of interest.

4. Public Hearings:

PUBLIC HEARING: Request for Variance to Minimum Setback Standards

Request for Variance, submitted by Paul Birrittella (Applicant) on behalf of Mary Birrittella (Owner) to allow the construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) greater than 100 feet from the primary dwelling.

Lenzen presented the staff report and attachments.

Commissioner Knott asked why the maps show 180ft and the staff report states 210ft.

Lenzen stated that originally when the maps were drawn, the applicant said that 180ft looked about right. During the site visit, the applicant decided that 180ft was too close. They pushed it back to 210ft.

Commissioner Traxler asked staff if this will have to meet all other Goodhue County Zoning Ordinances.

Lenzen stated that it would and does meet all other Goodhue County Zoning Ordinances.

Chair Knott opened the Public Hearing

No one spoke at public hearing.

³After Chair Knott asked three times for comments, it was moved by Commissioner Tebbe and seconded by Commissioner Traxler to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried 5:0

Commissioner Tebbe stated that he visited the site, and with everything being proposed is the best site based on the location to bluff land, the road, and septic system.

Commissioner Breuer stated that this location looks to be the only suitable spot for the ADU.

⁴Motion by Commissioner Tebbe, seconded by Commissioner Rechtzigel for the Board of Adjustment to:

- adopt the staff report into the record;
- adopt the findings of fact;

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- accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and **APPROVE** the Request for Variance, submitted by Paul Birrittella (Applicant) on behalf of Mary Birrittella (Owner) to allow the construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) greater than 100 feet from the primary dwelling.

Motion carried 5:0

5. Other-Discussion

a. Elections

i. Chairperson

Commissioner Tebbe nominated Daniel Knott, seconded by Commissioner Rechtzigel.

⁵Motion by Commissioner Rechtzigel to close the nominations, seconded by Commissioner Tebbe.

Motion carried 5:0 (Daniel Knott is the Chairperson)

ii. Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Tebbe nominates Randy Rechtzigel.

Commissioner Rechtzigel nominates Dennis Tebbe.

⁶Motion by Commissioner Traxler to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Breuer.

Motion carried 5:0

4 Votes for Randy Rechtzigel as Vice Chairperson

1 Vote for Dennis Tebbe as Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Rechtzigel is now the Vice Chairperson.

b. 2024 Land Use Activity Re-Cap

⁷Motion by Commissioner Rechtzigel, seconded by Commissioner Breuer to adjourn the BOA meeting at 5:40 PM.

Motion carried 5:0

Respectfully submitted:

William Lenzen, Zoning Assistant

MOTIONS

¹ **Motion to approve Agenda**

Motion carried 5:0

² **Motion to approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion carried 5:0

³ **Motion to close the Public Hearing**

Motion carried 5:0

⁴ **APPROVE the Variance to Minimum Setback Standards**

Motion carried 5:0

⁵ **Motion to close Nominations for Chairperson**

Motion carried 5:0

⁶ **Motion to close nominations for Vice Chairperson**

Motion carried 5:0

⁷ **Motion to adjourn**

Motion carried 5:0