

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
GOODHUE COUNTY, MN  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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, and Darwin Fox,

Commissioners Absent: Dennis Tebbe and Keith Allen

Staff Present: Zoning Administrator Samantha Pierret and Zoning Assistant William Lenzen

**1. Approval of Agenda**

<sup>1</sup>Motion by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Rechtzigel to approve the meeting agenda.

**Motion carried 4:0**

**2. Conflict/Disclosure of Interest**

There were no reported conflicts/disclosures of interest.

**3. Public Hearings:**

**PUBLIC HEARING: Request for Variance to Minimum Setback Standards**

Request for Variance, submitted by Brian Hughes (Owner) to Article 12 (Bluff Land Standards) to allow construction of a four-season porch addition less than 30 feet from the toe of a bluff

*Lenzen presented the staff report and attachments.*

*Commissioner Fox asked if any staff went out to visit the site.*

*Staff stated no one conducted a site visit.*

*Chair Knott asked if the applicants were present.*

*Brian and Julie Hughes (Applicants) stated that their only option is to expand the deck in this direction. When they built the rock wall, they were not aware they needed to obtain a permit.*

*Commissioner Fox asked what the condition of the rock wall is in.*

*Applicant stated that the wall is in good condition and that they won't be disturbing the wall.*

**Chair Knott opened the Public Hearing**

*No one spoke for or against the request.*

**<sup>2</sup>After Chair Knott asked three times for comments, it was moved by Commissioner Rechtzigel and seconded by Commissioner Fox to close the Public Hearing.**

**Motion carried 4:0**

*Commissioner Fox stated that this is an existing structure and retaining wall. This is a reasonable variance to approve.*

**<sup>3</sup>Motion by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Breuer for the Board of Adjustment to:**

- adopt the staff report into the record;
  - adopt the findings of fact;
  - accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and
- APPROVE** the Request for Variance, submitted by Brian Hughes (Owner) to Article 12 (Bluff Land Standards) to allow construction of a four-season porch addition 15 feet from the toe of a bluff.

**Motion carried 4:0**

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**Other-Discussion**

*There was no other discussion.*

**<sup>4</sup>Motion by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Breuer to adjourn the BOA meeting at 5:10 PM.**

**Motion carried 4:0**

Respectfully submitted:

William Lenzen, Zoning Assistant

MOTIONS

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**<sup>1</sup> Motion to approve Agenda**

Motion carried 4:0

**<sup>2</sup> Motion to close the Public Hearing**

Motion carried 4:0

**<sup>3</sup> APPROVE the Variance to Bluff Land Standards**

Motion carried 4:0

**<sup>4</sup> Motion to adjourn**

Motion carried 4:0

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