

Goodhue County Board of Adjustment Government Center- Board Room 509 West 5th St, Red Wing MN 55066

Call Meeting To Order

Approval Of Current Agenda

Approval Of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

Conflict/Disclosure Of Interests

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Other-Discussion

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Anyone interested is invited to attend. Agenda items may be subject to change.

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Board of Adjustment To: **From:** Land Use Management **Meeting Date:** August 27, 2018 Report date: August 17, 2018

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Application Information:

Applicants: Daniel Voight (Applicant) and Hazel Larson (Owner). Address of zoning request: 15720 Norelius RD, Welch, MN 55089

Parcel: 42.200.0080

Abbreviated Legal Description: Part of Lot 1 Block 3 in the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 Sec 15, Twp 112, Range

16, in Vasa Township

Township Information: Vasa Township endorsed acknowledgment of the applicant's request.

Zoning District: R1 (Suburban Residence District)

Attachments and Links:

Application and submitted project summary

Site Map

Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance: http://www.co.goodhue.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/2428

Background:

The owner (Hazel Larson) has contracted the Applicant (Daniel Voight) to replace their existing failing septic system with a new SSTS that is compliant with current SSTS code requirements. The system will provide wastewater treatment for the existing 2 bedroom home on the property.

Due to the location of 2 existing wells and the limited size of the subject parcel, a Type 1 (standard) soil treatment area cannot be designed to meet the 20-foot minimum setback to existing garages on the owner's property and the neighbor's property to the west (Faye Lindblom). In order to accommodate the properties wastewater treatment needs, the Applicant is proposing a "seepage bed" septic system that would be located 10 feet from the 2 existing garages.

Variance Standards:

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Draft Findings of Fact:

1) Harmony with the general purposes and intent of the official control:

- The purpose of the Goodhue County SSTS Ordinance is to protect public health and safety, protect groundwater quality, and prevent or eliminate the development of public health nuisances. It is intended to protect lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and groundwater in Goodhue County that are essential to the promotion of public health, safety, welfare, socioeconomic growth and development of the County.
- The applicant's proposed system would be located 10 feet from an existing garage on the subject parcel and 10 feet from an existing garage on the adjacent parcel to the west (PID# 42.200.0090). Neither of these structures is used for habitation, nor do they have basements. The SSTS will be required to adhere to all other requirements of the Goodhue County SSTS Ordinance. It is unlikely these structures would be affected by the proposed SSTS.

The applicant's proposed SSTS appears in harmony with the purpose and intent of the Goodhue County SSTS Ordinance.

2) The variances request is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan:

- The Goodhue County Comprehensive Plan supports the use of existing rural residences to provide rural living opportunities in the unincorporated areas of Goodhue County.
 - The applicant's proposed SSTS appears to be consistent with the Goodhue County Comprehensive Plan.
- 3) There are "practical difficulties" in complying with the official control (the applicant proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by an official control, the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner, and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality):
 - The applicant desires to construct a replacement "Type-1" pressurized bed SSTS to replace the existing failing system in order to provide onsite soil treatment of the home's residential wastewater.
 - The applicant's proposal to replace the failing SSTS with a new compliant SSTS is a reasonable use of property in the R1 District.
 - The 9,500 sq ft property is an existing non-conforming lot as it does not meet the minimum parcel area standard for the R1 district (20,000 sq ft).
 - A well located off the southwest corner of the applicant's dwelling which requires a minimum setback of 50 feet to an SSTS soil treatment area occupies most of the suitable area in the north half of the parcel.
 - An existing shallow well located on the adjacent lot to the southwest (Faye Lindlom) which requires a minimum setback of 100 feet to an SSTS soil treatment area occupies most of the suitable area in the south half of the parcel.
 - A Type-1 SSTS cannot be installed in the location of the current septic system.
 - Due to the size of the property and location of existing wells, there are no alternative locations on the property to install a Type-1 SSTS.
 - Goodhue County Environmental Health Department staff were present on site with the SSTS designer for the initial evaluation and offered the following comments regarding the variance request:

"Environmental Health recommends approval of the variance because the proposal has the least number of potential impacts when compared to other locations the septic system may be installed."

• A review of the existing development pattern adjacent to the applicant's property reveals medium density residential land use.

The request for variance appears unlikely to alter the essential character of the locality.

4) No variance may be granted that would allow any use that is not allowed in the zoning district in which the subject property is located.

The applicant is not proposing a change in use.

The draft Findings of Fact shall be amended to reflect concerns conveyed at the Board of Adjustment meeting and public hearing.

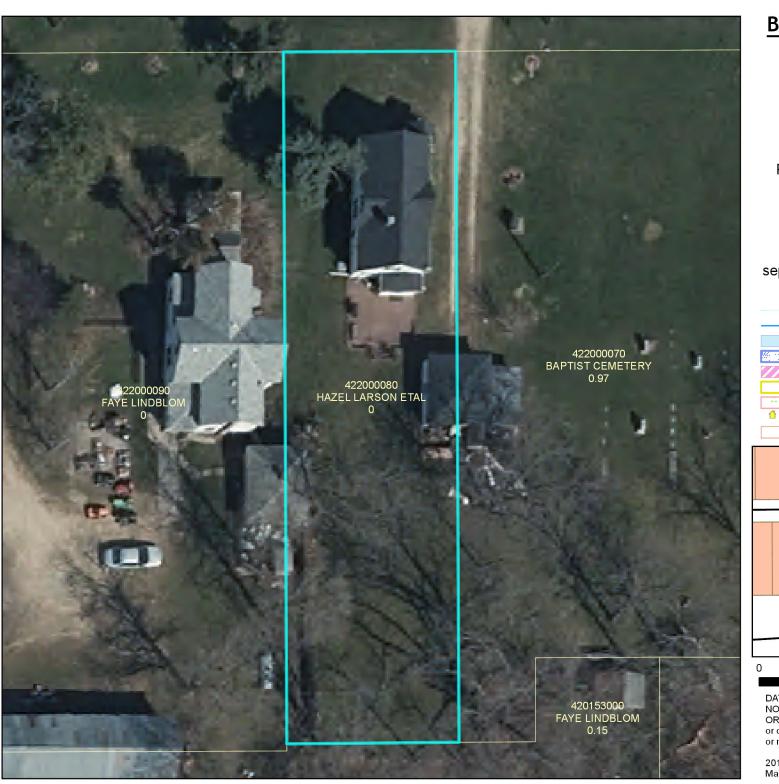
The Board should specify the facts and reasons that are the basis of the Board's determination. In granting a variance, the Board of Adjustment may impose conditions directly related to, and bearing a rough proportionality with, the impact(s) created by the variance.

Staff Recommendation:

- 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

<u>Approve</u> the variance request to Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) setback standards to allow a septic system soil treatment area to be constructed 10 feet from 2 existing adjacent structures where 20 feet is required.

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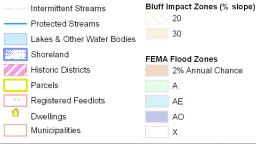
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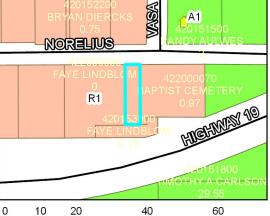
Voight/Larson R1 Zoned District

Parcel # 42.200.0080
Part of Lot 1 Block 3; SW1/4 SE1/4
Sec 15 Twp 112 Range 16
Welch Township

Request for Variance to SSTS setback requirements to allow septic system 10 feet from structures

Legend





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APPLICATION FOR

Variance



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The undersigned is the owner or authorized agent of	the owner of this property.	
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REQUEST SUMMARY
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Article: Section: Name:
SUPPORTING INFORMATION & JUSTIFICATION You, or your agent, bear the burden of providing information to convince the Board to rule in your favor. Please provide answers to the following questions in the spaces below or in an attached document. You may also attach any additional supporting documentation you desire the board to review.
Discuss your current use of the property and the reason for your variance request: House, need to replace the Septic Sixitem.
Describe the effects on the property if the variance is not granted: there is not enough room for the drainfield to meet the 20' set back from buildings. need 10' set back from Shed and neighbor to the west's Shed.
Describe any unique physical limitations that exist on your property, not generally found on others, which prevent you from complying with the provisions of the current ordinance: There is only one spot to install the drain field on the property meet the set suck's from the drainfield to the well and the neighbors to the west's wall.
Discuss alternatives you considered that comply with existing standards. If compliant alternatives exist, provide your reasoning for rejecting them: + here are not any-
Discuss alternatives you considered that would require a lesser variance. If you rejected such alternatives, provide your reasoning: there are not any-
In your opinion, do you think the granting of your variance request would alter the "essential character" of the neighborhood/area?: no it would not:

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To: Board of Adjustment **From:** Land Use Management **Meeting Date:** August 27, 2018 **Report date:** August 17, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING: Wesley Dohrn (Applicant) and Donnie Dohrn (Owner). Request for variance to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) standards to allow an existing dwelling located 168 feet from the primary dwelling to be permitted as an ADU where 100 feet is required. Parcel 39.003.0900. 21241 HWY 60 BLVD, Zumbrota, MN 55992. Part of the SW1/4 Sec 03, Twp 109, Range 15, in Pine Island Township. A2 Zoned District.

Application Information:

Applicant: Wesley Dohrn (Applicant) and Donnie Dohrn (Owner)

Address of zoning request: 21241 HWY 60 BLVD, Zumbrota, MN 55992

Parcel: 39.003.0900

Abbreviated Legal Description: Part of the SW1/4 Sec 03, Twp 109, Range 15, in Pine Island

Township.

Township Information: Pine Island Township endorsed acknowledgment of the applicant's request.

Zoning District: A2 (General Agriculture District)

Attachments and Links:

Application and submitted project summary

Site Map

Article 11, Section 31 (Accessory Dwelling Units)

Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance: http://www.co.goodhue.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/2428

Background:

The applicants own and operate an existing farmstead in the SW1/4 of section 03 in Pine Island Township. There are currently 2 dwellings within the farmyard in the southern part of the 159-acre farmstead that has existed since the mid 60's.

As an A2 zoned district, section 03 allows a maximum dwelling density of 12 dwellings with the stipulation that there be no more than 1 dwelling per each quarter-quarter section. Dwelling density is available as there are currently only 7 dwellings in the section. However, the Applicant's 2 existing dwellings straddle the quarter-quarter section line between the SE1/4 and the SW1/4 thereby occupying the dwelling density for both of the quarter-quarter sections.

The Applicant desires to parcel off a new lot in the SE1/4 of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ to establish a new dwelling for himself. Since ADU's do not count against the dwelling density for a section, the Applicant desires to permit the eastern dwelling as an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) to the western primary dwelling to allow density to construct a new dwelling in the SE1/4 of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The existing dwellings are situated 168 feet from each other. ADU performance standards require an ADU to be located within 100 feet of the primary dwelling unit. The Applicant is requesting the Board of Adjustment grant a variance to the 100-foot requirement to allow the eastern dwelling to be permitted as an ADU. It should be noted that a permitted ADU is not allowed to be split from a primary dwelling tax parcel.

Variance Standards:

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Draft Findings of Fact:

- 1) Harmony with the general purposes and intent of the official control:
 - The purpose and intent of the ADU maximum distance standard cited in Article 11, Section 31 of the GCZO are to prevent proposed ADU's from being located outside of an existing yard area where they could potentially be split off in the future thereby creating additional dwelling density exceeding the allowable density.
 - The existing residences are both located within an active farmyard which is a registered feedlot. Given the location of the 2 structures and proximity to the existing feedlot, it is not possible to split off either residence from the farmyard and meet property line setbacks (100 feet for structures containing animals, 30 feet for other structures) or feedlot odor off-set setbacks (1000 feet) without the granting of additional variances. The applicant's proposal appears in harmony with the purpose and intent of the official control.
- 2) The variances request is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan:
 - The Goodhue County Comprehensive Plan supports the establishment of ADU's to provide rural living opportunities in the unincorporated areas of Goodhue County.
 - The Applicant's ADU request appears consistent with the Goodhue County Comprehensive Plan.
- 3) There are "practical difficulties" in complying with the official control (the applicant proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by an official control, the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner, and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality):
 - The Applicant's request to recognize an existing dwelling unit as an ADU is a reasonable use of property in the A2 District.
 - The dwellings were legally established prior to the adoption of the current ADU performance standards (April 2017).
 - There are no reasonable alternatives available given the dwellings are preexisting.
 The dwellings would comply with all other ADU performance standards.
 - Goodhue County has not historically recognized the 2 dwellings as separate for section dwelling density calculations.
 - A review of the existing development pattern in the vicinity reveals low-density residential development among predominantly agricultural uses.
 - The request for variance appears unlikely to alter the essential character of the locality.
- 4) No variance may be granted that would allow any use that is not allowed in the zoning district in which the subject property is located.
 - ADU's are permissible in the A2 district.

The draft Findings of Fact shall be amended to reflect concerns conveyed at the Board of Adjustment meeting and public hearing.

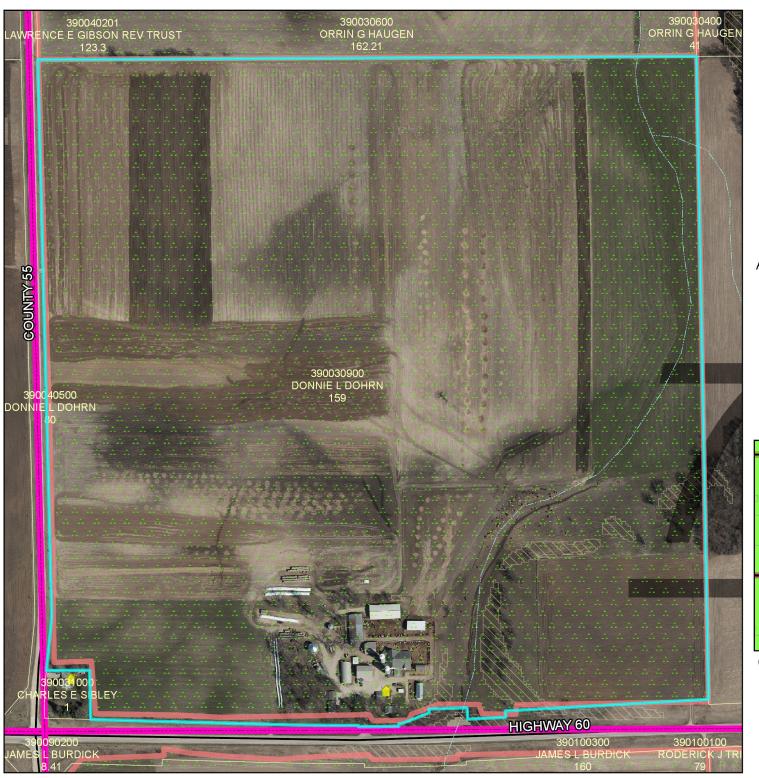
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Staff Recommendation:

- 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 to allow an existing dwelling located 168 feet from the primary dwelling to be permitted as an ADU where 100 feet is required.

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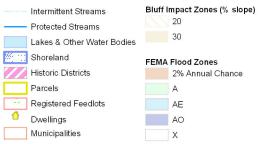
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Wesley Dohrn A2 Zoned District

Parcel # 39.003.0900
Part of the SW¼
Sec 03 Twp 109 Range 15
Pine Island Township

Request for Variance to ADU
Performance Standards requiring
ADU be within 100ft of primary dwelling

Legend





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ARTICLE 11 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Section 31. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUS)

- Subd. 1. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are dwelling units that are accessory to a primary dwelling unit and are on the same tax parcel of land as the primary dwelling unit.
 - A. An ADU can be either:
 - 1. Attached to, or within the primary dwelling unit; or
 - 2. Located within 100 feet of the primary dwelling unit on the same tax parcel as the primary dwelling unit.
 - B. ADU's must have separate kitchen and bathroom facilities
 - C. Only one (1) ADU is permitted per primary dwelling site tax parcel
 - D. The ADU cannot be separated from the primary dwelling tax parcel
 - E. Dwelling units that were permitted as temporary dwelling units that request to be converted to ADU status must have a public hearing at the PAC and approved by the County Board.

Subd. 2. Performance Standards

- A. Setbacks: The ADU must meet all district setbacks for structures
- B. Size: An ADU cannot exceed the size of the primary dwelling
- C. The ADU will be required to obtain all necessary permits, including Zoning, Building, Well, and SSTS

Variance

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REQUEST SUMMARY
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Article: 11 Section: 31 Name: Accessory Dwelling Units
Article: Section: Name:
SUPPORTING INFORMATION & JUSTIFICATION You, or your agent, bear the burden of providing information to convince the Board to rule in your favor. Please provide answers to the following questions in the spaces below or in an attached document. You may also attach any additional supporting documentation you desire the board to review.
Discuss your current use of the property and the reason for your variance request:
The property is currently used as a farmstead. I would like to formally
recognize the older/smaller house located on the east side of the
drive way as an accessory dwelling. Therefore, I am requesting a 68-ft. Variance to the 100 ft. Standard defined in the Section 31 Subd. 1 AVZ, maximum distance between dwellings.
Describe the effects on the property if the variance is not granted:
If variance is not granted, then there is no definition of which 14, 14
Section the dwellings are located in Therefore preventing an apportunity
to ever establish a dwelling in the SE /4, 1/4 section.
Describe any unique physical limitations that exist on your property, not generally found on others, which prevent you from complying with the provisions of the current ordinance: Both dwellings were built predating the ADU Standards, for the distance between primary and accessory dwelling. Both dwellings are lacated on the same parcel and are currently being used as a primary
and accessory dwellings.
Discuss alternatives you considered that comply with existing standards. If compliant alternatives exist, provide your reasoning for rejecting them:
No alternatives are available given that the buildings are
preexisting and both located on the same parcel.
Discuss alternatives you considered that would require a lesser variance. If you rejected such alternatives, provide your reasoning:
There are no alternatives that I have found that would require
a lesser variance given that the dwellings are preexisting
In your opinion, do you think the granting of your variance request would alter the "essential character" of the
I feel that granting the variance would not after the essential Character of the area. Both structures are preexisting, located on the Same taxable parcel and meet all the regulations except the 100 ft standard.



A-2 Agricultural Zone District Parcel #390030900

- Contents of Site Plan:

 1. The existing and intended use of the property
- Location, size and shape of any structures
 Distances from structures to property lines
- 4. Location of all wells and sanitary sewer systems

Upon review, projects may require more information

Point of Structures is 168 Ft Distance between closest





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Welch Township

Township Information: Welch Township provided acknowledgment of the applicant's request.

Zoning District: A2 (General Agriculture District)

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Bluffland Protection Language (Article 12)

Site Photos

Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance: http://www.co.goodhue.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/2428

Background:

The Applicant's purchased the 120-acre property in 2017 with the intent of removing the existing derelict dwelling and constructing a new dwelling in its place. The previous dwelling was constructed prior to the adoption of the Goodhue County Bluffland Protection regulations which require structures be set back a minimum of 30 feet from a top or toe of a bluff.

The home would be located on a "point" with steep slopes on the north, east, and south sides. The Applicants have had the property surveyed and determined the previous structure was situated 11.9 feet from the top-of-bluff at the nearest location. Survey data shows that lands immediately north and south of the project area do not meet Goodhue County's Definition of a bluff; however they would be classified as steep slopes (no setback required). A bluff was verified by survey along the east side of the project area.

The Applicants are requesting a variance to allow their new proposed dwelling to be placed in a similar footprint as the old dwelling to allow them to maintain a view of the picturesque valley, avoid disturbing existing forested areas, and to take advantage of existing driveways and utilities.

Variance Standards:

Variances shall only be permitted when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance and when consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan. Variances may be granted when the applicant establishes "practical difficulties" exist in complying with the existing official controls. Practical difficulties mean the applicant proposes to use the

property in a reasonable manner not permitted by an official control, the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner, and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties.

Draft Findings of Fact:

1) Harmony with the general purposes and intent of the official control:

The purpose and intent of the Bluffland Protection ordinance are to protect and preserve the sensitive physical features of the bluffs by regulating development, preventing erosion and controlling the cutting of timber on the slopes and tops of the bluffs. Required setbacks from bluff impact zones are in place to protect the existing and/or natural scenic values, significant historic sites, vegetation, soils, water and bedrock from disruption by man-made structures or facilities.

The proposed location of the dwelling was occupied by a dwelling until it was removed by the Applicants in 2017. The structure is proposed to be located 11.9 feet from the top-of-bluff at its nearest point which matches the closest point of the previous dwelling. The majority of the new structure will be greater than 30 feet from the top-of-bluff and be situated further from the bluff than the previous structure.

The proposed dwelling location has already been disturbed and has been occupied by a dwelling since 1976 without causing any known erosion issues or degradation of surrounding natural resources or scenic values. The request appears in harmony the purpose and intent of the official control.

2) The variances request is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan:

■ The Goodhue County Comprehensive Plan encourages protection, preservation, and responsible management of Goodhue County's Blufflands and promotes enhancing the health of environmentally sensitive areas through best practices land management strategies.

The location of the proposed structure was previously disturbed during the construction and demolition of the existing residences. Evaluation of the existing site reveals no existing erosional issues in the project area.

Best management practices, erosion control measures, and special attention to roof drainage and landscaping could be implemented to control runoff during and after site development and to prevent long-term erosion issues to ensure consistency with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

- 3) There are "practical difficulties" in complying with the official control (the applicant proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by an official control, the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner, and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality):
 - The property comprises 120 acres; however, the majority of the land is inaccessible due to the bluff that traverses the property.
 - The Applicant's request to construct a single-family dwelling unit is a reasonable use of property in the A2 District.

The size of the building or the design of the structure could potentially be altered to reduce or eliminate Bluffland encroachment.

- The dwelling would not encroach into any Bluff Impact Zones.
- The previous dwelling was legally established prior to the adoption of the current Bluffland Protection standards.
- The Applicants desire to rebuild in the footprint of the previous structure to utilize existing utilities (electric, water, gas) and road improvements and to maintain a view of the bluff

valley.

- The Applicants considered moving the structure west to reduce bluff encroachment or eliminate the need for a variance but rejected the alternative as it would necessitate the need for large amounts of fill because the point narrows significantly and it would also require the removal of a stand of mature trees which help stabilize the steep slopes in the area.
- The Applicants rejected relocating the dwelling to suitable areas west of the site near the properties driveway access as it would occupy lands intended for use as pasture, would require the relocation of roads and existing utilities, and would restrict the desired view of the bluff valley.
- A review of the existing development pattern in the vicinity reveals low-density residential development among predominantly undeveloped hardwood forest.

The request for variance appears unlikely to alter the essential character of the locality.

4) No variance may be granted that would allow any use that is not allowed in the zoning district in which the subject property is located.

Single-family dwellings are permissible in the A2 district. The request does not constitute a
use variance.

The draft Findings of Fact shall be amended to reflect concerns conveyed at the Board of Adjustment meeting and public hearing.

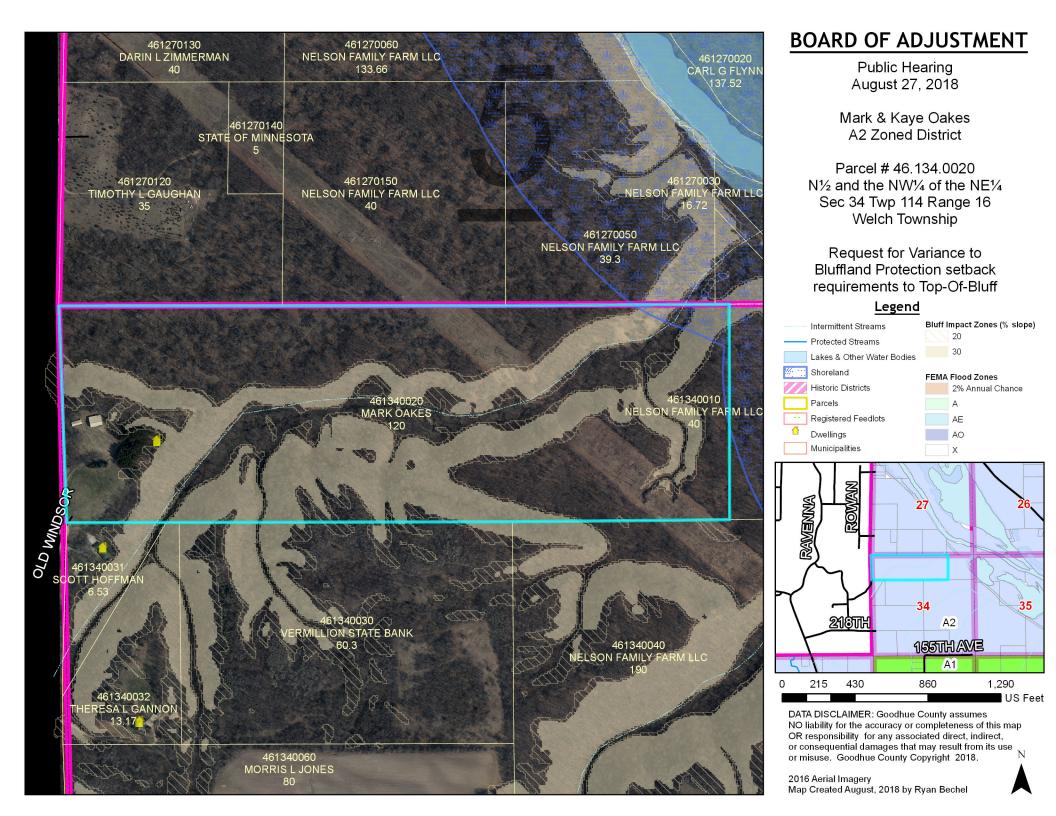
The Board should specify the facts and reasons that are the basis of the Board's determination. In granting a variance, the Board of Adjustment may impose conditions directly related to, and bearing a rough proportionality with, the impact(s) created by the variance.

Staff Recommendation:

- 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 to Bluffland Protection standards to allow the dwelling to be reconstructed 11.9 feet from a top-of-bluff.

Parcel 46.134.0020 located at 21241 HWY 60 BLVD, Zumbrota, MN 55992 $N\frac{1}{2}$ and the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ in Sec 34, Twp 114, Range 16, in Welch Township

































ARTICLE 12 BLUFF LAND PROTECTION

SECTION 1. INTENT AND PURPOSE

Goodhue County recognizes the historic and economic values of the bluffs that line the many rivers and valleys of the County. These standards set out to protect and preserve the sensitive physical features of the bluffs by regulating development, preventing erosion and controlling the cutting of timber on the slopes and tops of the bluffs.

SECTION 2. SCOPE

These standards shall regulate the setback of structures, sanitary waste treatment facilities and row crops from bluff impact zones to protect the existing and/or natural scenic values, significant historic sites, vegetation, soils, water and bedrock from disruption by man-made structures or facilities. These standards will also regulate alterations of the natural vegetation and topography.

- Subd. 1. **BLUFF.** A natural topographic feature such as a hill, cliff, or embankment having the following characteristics:
 - A. The slope rises at least twenty-five (25) feet above the toe of the bluff; and
 - B. The grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to a point twenty-five (25) feet or more above the toe of the bluff averages thirty (30) percent or greater;
 - C. An area with an average slope of less than twenty (20) percent over a horizontal distance of fifty (50) feet shall not be considered part of the bluff.
- Subd. 2. **BLUFF IMPACT ZONE.** All of the land lying between the top of the bluff and the toe of the bluff.
- Subd. 3. **SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC SITE.** Any archaeological site, standing structure, or other property that meets the criteria for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places or is listed in the State Register of Historic Sites, or is determined to be an unplatted cemetery that falls under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 307.08. A historic site meets these criteria if it is presented listed on either register or if it is determined to meet the qualifications for listing after review by the Minnesota State Archaeologist or the Director of the Minnesota Historical Society. All unplatted cemeteries are automatically considered to be significant historic sites.
- Subd. 4. **TOE OF THE BLUFF.** The point on a bluff where there is, as visually observed, a clearly identifiable break in the slope, from gentler to steeper slope above. If no break in the slope is apparent, the toe of the bluff shall be determined to be the lowest end of the lowest fifty (50) foot segment that exceeds twenty (20) percent slope.
- Subd. 5. **TOP OF THE BLUFF.** The point on a bluff where there is, as visually observed, a clearly identifiable break in the slope, from steeper to gentler slope above. If no break in the slope is apparent, the top of the bluff shall be determined to be the highest end of the highest fifty (50) foot segment that exceeds twenty (20) percent slope.
- Subd. 6. **VISUALLY INCONSPICUOUS.** Difficult to be seen and not readily noticeable from any point on the river or valley during the time when the leaves are on the deciduous trees.

SECTION 3. BOUNDARIES

- Subd. 1. The bluff land protection area shall include all areas with the following soil types as determined by the Goodhue County Soil Survey:
 - A. N634E Massbach-Schapville complex,18-35% slopes
 - B. N598E Winneshiek-Waucoma complex, 18-35% slopes
 - C. N594E Chelsea loamy sand, 12-35% slopes
 - D. N553E Frankville-Nasset-Mt. Carroll complex, 18-35% slopes
 - E. N635E Frankville-Nasset-Downs complex, 18-35% slopes
 - F. N642E Frankville-Nasset complex, Oneota formation, 18-35% slopes
 - G. N609E Hawick sandy loam, 18-45% slopes
 - H. M516E Wangs-Wagen Prairie complex, 18-35% slopes
 - I. M537E Meridian-Bassett complex, 18-35% slopes
 - J. N526F Gale-Oak Center complex, 18-45% slopes
 - K. M540F Frontenac-Bellechester complex, 18-45% slopes
 - L. N639F Frontenac-Lacrescent complex, 20-45% slopes
 - M. N631E Schapville silt loam, 18-35% slopes
 - N. N580G Brodale, very flaggy-Bellechester-Rock outcrop complex, 45-90% slopes
 - O. N632G Brodale, flaggy-Schapville complex, 18-80% slopes
 - P. N638G Brodale, flaggy-Bellechester complex, 30-70% slopes
 - Q. N640G Lacrescent, flaggy-Frontenac-Rock outcrop complex, 45-90% slopes
 - R. N641F Brodale channery loam, 20-45% slopes, flaggy
 - S. N639G Frontenac-Lacrescent complex, 30-70% slopes
 - T. M539F Bellechester loamy sand, 18-45% slopes

SECTION 4. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- Subd. 1. Developments and other land disturbing activities including: structures, accessory facilities, driveways, and parking areas shall not be placed within bluff impact zones except the following:
 - A. Stairways and landings subject to provisions set forth in Subd. 6, of this Section.
 - B. Facilities such as ramps, lifts, or mobility paths subject to provisions set forth in Subd. 6, of this Section.
 - C. Uses identified in Article 30; Section 3; Subd. 6, Subd. 12, and Subd. 1
- Subd. 2. Setback from top or toe of the bluff to any structure in any district shall be no less than thirty (30) feet. Exceptions may include structures allowed under Article 30, Section 3, Subdivisions 6, 12, and 13.
- Subd. 3. The maximum height of any structure shall be twenty-five (25) feet from the highest natural grade touching foundation. Exceptions may include structures allowed under

- the following provisions: Article 30; Section 3; Subd. 6, Subd. 12, and Subd. 13. Height for structures that may be permitted within bluff impact zones under these provisions shall be set forth within Conditional or Interim Use Permits
- Subd. 4. No person may begin a mining or quarrying activity or expand a mining or quarrying activity within three hundred (300) feet of the toe or top of a bluff without a conditional use permit.
- Subd. 5. Towers as defined in Article 17 (Wireless Communication Facilities) must be located outside of bluff impact zones and shall be subject to a minimum setback of 1.1 times the height of the tower from the top of a bluff and a minimum of 30 feet from the toe of a bluff.
- Subd. 6. All stairways and lifts on bluffs and in shoreland areas shall be visually inconspicuous. Stairways and lifts shall meet the following design requirements:
 - A. Stairways and lifts must not exceed four (4) feet in width on residential lots.
 - B. Landings for stairways and lifts on residential lots must not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area. Landings larger than thirty-two (32) square feet may be used for public open space recreational properties.
 - C. Canopies or roofs are not allowed on stairways, lifts, or landings.
 - D. Stairways, lifts, and landings may be either constructed above the ground on posts or pilings, or placed into the ground, provided they are designed and built in a manner that ensures control of soil erosion.
 - E. Stairways, lifts, and landings must be located in the most visually inconspicuous portions of lots, as viewed from the surface of the public water assuming Summer, leaf on conditions, whenever practical.
 - F. Facilities such as ramps, lifts, or mobility paths are also allowed for achieving access to shore areas, provided that the dimensional and performance standards of sub-items A-E are complied with in addition to the requirements of the Minnesota Accessibility Code.
- Subd. 7. No grading, excavating or filling (including Mineral Extraction) within the bluff impact zones, except for approved erosion control measures. Erosion control projects within the bluff impact zone shall comply with A. and B. below:
 - A. Altered areas shall be stabilized to acceptable erosion control standards consistent with the field office technical guides of the Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service.
 - B. Plans to place fill or excavated materials in bluff impact zones shall be prepared by qualified professional for continued slope stability, and approved by Land Use Management. All costs to be born by the applicant.
- Subd. 8. The top or toe of bluffs shall be certified by a Minnesota Licensed Land Surveyor or Zoning Administrator.
- Subd. 9. Vegetation Alterations. Vegetation alterations shall be subject to the standards found in Article 11, Section 7 of the Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance.

Variance

MARK OAKES

Print name:_

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REQUEST SUMMARY
Please cite the Ordinance Article(s) and Section(s) you are requesting a variance from:
Article: 12 Section: 2 Name: Bluff Land Protection
Article: Section: Name:
SUPPORTING INFORMATION & JUSTIFICATION You, or your agent, bear the burden of providing information to convince the Board to rule in your favor. Please provide answers to
the following questions in the spaces below or in an attached document. You may also attach any additional supporting
documentation you desire the board to review.
Discuss your current use of the property and the reason for your variance request:
We purchased the property to build a home on it. The existing home was in poor and uninhabitable condition. We had the
home that was originally built within the set back regulations torn down and we want to build a new home in same location.
Describe the effects on the property if the variance is not granted:
We would consider selling the property as our intent was to build a new home on the point where the original home was
located. We had our home designed specifically to build on the point.
Describe any unique physical limitations that exist on your property, not generally found on others, which prevent you from
complying with the provisions of the current ordinance:
The area in which we want to build this home is a point. To move the house back to meet the set back regulation,
would require the removal of many trees and adding a substantial amount of fill for the garage area of the home, Also, this would alter the natural shape of the existing driveway which would require tree removal as well.
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Discuss alternatives you considered that comply with existing standards. If compliant alternatives exist, provide your reasoning for rejecting them:
Although we do not feel there is no reasonable alternative, one option would be to move the house back further from the point
The existing well would need to be moved and many trees would need to be cut down. There is also existing electrical service
that would be affected. Another option would be to move the home closer to the buildings. This option would interfere with the
proposed location of the septic system.
Discuss alternatives you considered that would require a lesser variance. If you rejected such alternatives, provide your
reasoning:
To lessen the variance by any substantial amount would require removal of many trees to fit the garage area and would
change the natural shape of the existing driveway.
In your opinion, do you think the granting of your variance request would alter the "essential character" of the
neighborhood/area?:
No, because the home will set in the approximate location where the original home was. Our new home location will not be
visible from the road or any neighboring property.

DETAIL (NOT TO SCALE) EXISTING WELL PASTURE

