

A meeting of the Jasper County Plan Commission was held Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm. in the Commissioners' Room of the Jasper County Courthouse, Rensselaer, Indiana. Members present: Dave Webb, Steve Jordan, Kent Korniak, Todd Peterson, Justin Rodibaugh, Lana Olson and Scott Bachert. Also present: William T. Sammons, Law Offices of William T. Sammons P.C., and Kelli Standish, Secretary. Absent was: Jim Walstra, Vince Urbano, Mary Scheurich and Summer Brown.

Meeting was called to order by Board President Kent Korniak. The first order of business was the call for approval of the February 2024 minutes.

Justin Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the February 2024 minutes. Motion was seconded by Steve Jordan and carried with a vote of 6 members in favor and Lana Olson abstained.

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Rezone

Cause#PC-6-24

Applicant: Rose Acre Farms, INC

Location: Sec.18-28-6 – Marion Twp. – St.Rd. 16 & Hwy 231 NE corner

Use: Rezone A1 to A3

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Public hearing held pursuant to notice published March 17, 2024 in the Rensselaer Republican, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Jasper County, Indiana; also pursuant to notice to adjacent landowners. All as shown by the affidavit of Janet Echlin, Clerk of the Rensselaer Republican.

Wes Spray representing the applicant stated that they are requesting to rezone the property from A1 to A3. By the year 2025 they are required to have cage free layer pullets. The existing buildings are too old to remodel so they will remove those buildings and rebuild 2 new facilities. They currently have 399,500 animals on site. The number of animals could change but they will stay under the 400,000 number.

Kent Korniak asked why are you asking to rezone the property from A1 to A3 since there are already existing animals there.

Attorney Sammons replied that this would be a nonconforming use since there was not an A3 zoning back when they constructed the buildings. Now that they are updating their buildings it is time to make it a conforming use and have the proper zoning.

Dave Webb asked what will be the difference between the old buildings and the proposed buildings.

Wes Spray replied that the existing buildings are Highrise pullet houses that the manure falls to the bottom in a pit and the new houses will be cage free that will conform to all the cage free standards.

Justin Rodibaugh asked if they will rebuild the new buildings on the existing foundation.

Wes Spray replied in the negative. The proposed building will be a little bit longer and wider than what is current.

Kent Korniak asked if anyone present had any opposition to the application. There was none.

Dave Webb made the motion to recommend approval of the rezoning of A1 to A3 to the Board of County Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Justin Rodibaugh and carried unanimously.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, meeting was adjourned.

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Kent Korniak, President