

**Howard County Planning & Zoning
Agenda
October 18, 2023**

1. 8:20 P.M. Public Hearing - public hearing regarding Conditional Use Permit application by Travis Caspersen DBA 308 Cattle Company LLC for a Commercial Class 1 Feedlot – N ½ 3-13-9
2. Discussion/Possible Action: Steve Wissing- Odor Footprints in the area

Minutes

A meeting of the Howard County Planning & Zoning Commission was convened in Open and Public session on the 18th day of October 2023.

Chairman Spilinek called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. and the Open Meeting Act was recognized. Administrator Klinginsmith read the Notice of Meeting. A proof of publication is filed at the Howard County Clerk's Office. Roll call showed 5 members present: Daryl Anderson, Dave Sack, Jeff Christensen, Chris Kosmicki, and Terry Spilinek. Absent members: Kenneth Kozisek, Jack Reimers, Ron Kulwicki, Randy Kauk & Dave Schroeder, County Attorney. Also present were Cherri Klinginsmith, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Jennifer Ostendorf, Planning & Zoning Secretary. Members of the public were: Tylor & Audrie Robinson, Steve Wissing, Phil Bader, Aaron & Melissa Weaver, Bill & Andrea Bader and Julia Wright.

The agenda and minutes were mailed to the board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Dave Sack and seconded by Jeff Christensen to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous a voice vote.

Old Business: Administrator Klinginsmith informed the board that NPZA fall meeting was last week. She is expecting that they will send out the zoom recording so that board can review it at a later date.

Administrator/Board Comment: Administrator Klinginsmith gave the board each a copy of letter and plat she received from the City of St. Paul. This just informs the board that Tyler & Kim Dugan are subdividing 3 acres within the 1-mile jurisdiction of St. Paul city limits. If the board has any concerns their public hearing for this subdivision is October 23, 2023.

Public Comment: No public comment was heard. Since there was no public comment, we moved the discussion topic before public hearing.

Discussion/Possible Action: Steve Wissing- Odor Footprints in the area - Steve Wissing was present to represent his discussion. When Steve received the letter about Travis Caspersen's CUP application it got Steve looking at the local odor footprints and he realized that where he lives, he is in 2 different odor footprints and they are no longer active. So, Steve would like to ask the board how is it handled when the land that the odor footprint is on is no longer being used for the purpose of the odor footprint? When the land is sold do the new owners need to update or reapply for the odor footprint? Phil Bader offered a suggestion that maybe when the ownership of the land changes that with farm feedlots (not commercial) that instead of the odor footprint going with the land have the people reapply or renew the

application with their specific land use. With much discussion the board discussed that they see a need to look into this and with the regulations needed updated in 2025 they will take a look at this issue when discussing the update.

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Caspersen was present to represent his request. Travis explained to the board that he would like to get this Conditional Use Permit for a Class 1 Odor Footprint for his property because at times he does have over 500 head of cattle on feed. With the 80 acres to the south of him coming up for auction he wants to get this taken care of to prevent hardship later if someone were to buy this and want to build there. Aaron Weaver from public asked, if Travis plans to have the 2500 head of cattle there and Travis answered no. He has no plans to get that large. Both Tylor Robinson and Steve Wissing voiced their support for the CUP approval. With no testimony against, the public hearing is closed. With no further discussion among the board, Jeff Christensen moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit application for a Commercial Class 1 Feedlot. Dave Sack seconded the motion. Motion was passed by 5-0 roll call vote. Finding of fact attached. Daryl Anderson – yes, Dave Sack – yes, Jeff Christensen – yes, Chris Kosmicki – yes, Terry Spilinek – yes.

With no further discussion Dave Sack moved to adjourn the meeting and Chris Kosmicki seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote. The next Howard County Planning & Zoning is tentatively scheduled for November 15th and 7pm.

Jennifer Ostendorf
Planning & Zoning Secretary