Minutes Joint Plan Commission/Town Board Meeting

Meeting Date: **Thursday January 22, 2026**
Time: **6:30 pm**
Meeting Location: Dekorra Town Hall, W8225 County Rd JV, Poynette, WI

Town of Dekorra
W82225 County Rd JV
Poynette, WI 53955
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608-635-2014

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
   Clerk Priske called the Plan Commission to order at 6:30 pm and call for nominations for a Chair Pro tem.
   ACTION: Motion (Palmer/Caldwell) to nominate and appoint Scott as Plan Commission Chair Pro Tem for the January 22, 2026, Plan Commission meeting. Motion carried.

   Van Etten continued the Plan Commission portion of the meeting.

   PLAN COMMISSION:
   Present: Peter Caldwell, Greg Falk, Roger Palmer, Scott Van Etten.
   Absent: Justin Brusveen, Tyler Bergstrom

   TOWN BOARD:
   Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:31pm
   Present: Kyle Knuteson, Chris Crawford, Blake Young, Michelle Hartley.
   Absent: Robb Strommen
2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda/Affidavit of posting.
   ACTION: Motion (Palmer/Priske) to approve January 22, 2026, Joint meeting agenda. Motion carried.

4. Approval of previous minutes.
   PLAN COMMISSION ACTION: Motion (Palmer/Priske) to approve the Plan Commission portion of the December 9, 2025, Joint meeting minutes. Motion carried.

5. Doherty, Sean; Doherty, Shane; Doherty, Trevor; Doherty, April – Parcel 11010-388.01, 388.02, 405.02, 391, W7704 County Highway CS-Q, Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, WI. Reconfigure and rezone of parcels:
   Parcel 388.02 - 3 acres to be rezoned to RR-1 Rural Residential
   Portions of Parcels 405.02, 388.02, 388.01, 391 - 72.19 acres to be rezoned to AO-1 Agricultural and Open Space with A-4 Agriculture Overlay
   Parcel 388.01, 388.02, 405.02 - 13.74 acres to be rezoned to A-3 Agriculture Business
   Parcel 388.01 - 1.5 acres to be rezoned RR-1 Rural Residence.
   Access Variance and Review of a 4 Lot Certified Survey Map (G&A file 525-291, dated 7.11.25)

   a. PUBLIC HEARING
      i. Open public hearing
         Van Etten opened the public hearing at 6:34 pm

ii. Presentation of the proposal
Scott Hewit from Grothman and Associates presented the Rezone proposal to divide off the single-family home, expand the current contractor's shop, and relocate the second rural residential lot with reconfiguration to meet the A-4 overlay to allow for housing density.

iii. Public opportunity to testify.
Michael Koch, W7600 County Road CS-Q – asked the location of proposed houses.

iv. Close public hearing
ACTION: Motion (Caldwell/Palmer) to close the public hearing. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed at 6:41 pm.

Kory Anderson, Town Engineer, reviewed the proposal referencing the previous proposal in 2018. He noted county and Town future Land Use maps, noting that the County reviewed it using their Land Use Map. He also reviewed the frontage and the driveway. The access variance is just something that the Town must approve and pass on to the County. Discussion that there is some A-4 that was previously applied before Sean Doherty purchased it.

PLAN COMMISSION ACTION: Motion (Priske/Palmer) to recommend approval to the Dekorra Town Board for 3 acres of parcel 388.02 to rezoned to RR-1 Rural Residential, 72.19 acres of parcels 405.02, 388.02, 388.01, 391 - to be rezoned to AO-1 Agricultural and Open Space with A-4 Agriculture Overlay, 13.74 acres of parcels 388.01, 388.02, 405.02 - to be rezoned to A-3 Agriculture Business, and 1.5 acres of parcel 388.01 to be rezoned RR-1 Rural Residence, with an access variance and approval of the 4 lot Certified Survey Map (G&A file 525-291, dated 7.11.25), subject to conditions as recommended in the Town Engineer's memo dated January 16, 2026 and including a shared driveway agreement for lot 1 (Condition 3). Motion (Van Etten/Palmer) to amend the motion to 65.59 acres of parcels 405.02, 388.02, and 388.01 to be rezoned to AO-1 Agricultural and Open Space with A-4 Agriculture Overlay, 6.60 acres of 391 remains A-1 and is included in the A-4 overlay. Motion carried. Motion with amendments carried.

TOWN BOARD ACTION: Motion (Young/Crawford) to approve 3 acres of parcel 388.02 to rezoned to RR-1 Rural Residential, 65.59 acres of parcels 405.02, 388.02, 388.01 - to be rezoned to AO-1 Agricultural and Open Space with A-4 Agriculture Overlay, 6.60 acres of 391 remains A-1 and is included in the A-4 overlay, 13.74 acres of parcels 388.01, 388.02, 405.02 - to be rezoned to A-3 Agriculture Business, and 1.5 acres of parcel 388.01 to be rezoned RR-1 Rural Residence, with an access variance and approval of the 4 lot Certified Survey Map (G&A file 525-291, dated 7.11.25), with conditions of approval as recommended by the Town of Dekorra Plan Commission. Motion carried.

6. Doherty, Sean; Doherty, Shane – Parcel 11010-388.01, 388.02, 405.02, W7704 County Highway CS – Q, Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, WI. Conditional Use Application for a Contractor's Shop and Site Plan.
    a. PUBLIC HEARING
        i. Open public hearing
        Van Etten opened the CUP public hearing at 7:07 pm
        ii. Presentation of the proposal
        Scott Hewit from Grothman and Associates presented the Conditional Use Permit proposal reviewing the Site plan.
        iii. Public opportunity to testify.
        No public comment.
        iv. Close public hearing
        ACTION: Motion (Caldwell/Palmer) to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:12 pm.

b. **Discussion included water runoff, all is self-contained, and it is a very sandy area. There is currently a stormwater pond for run off. Anderson noted that it isn't really visable from the road.**
PLAN COMMISSION ACTION: Motion (Priske/Caldwell) to recommend approval to the Dekorra Town Board of a Conditional Use Permit and site plan for a contractor's shop on parcels 11010-388.01, 388.02, 405.02, subject to conditions recommended by the Town Engineer in his memo dated January 16, 2026. Motion carried.

c. **TOWN BOARD ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Young) to approve a Conditional Use Permit and site plan for a contractor's shop on parcels 11010-388.01, 388.02, 405.02, subject to conditions recommended by the Town of Dekorra Plan Commission. Motion carried.**

7. Set next meeting date February 26, 2026 as needed/Agenda items

8. Adjournment
TOWN BOARD ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Young) to adjourn. Motion carried.
The Town Board portion of the joint meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

PLAN COMMISSION ACTION: Motion (Palmer/Priske) to adjourn. Motion carried.
The Plan Commission portion of the joint meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Holly J. Priske - Dekorra Town Clerk

Approved: Plan Commission portion: 03.26.26.
Town Board Portion: 02.10.26.