

MEEKER COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

June 7, 2022

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The Meeker County Board of Adjustment **met ON-SITE on Tuesday, June 7th, 2022 at 9:00am** to consider the following variance application and other business before the Board. Members present were Kim Hempel, Al Anderson, Galen Nyman and Zoning Administrator Schultz.

9:00am

Hempel calls the meeting to order.

The Board states their name for voice recognition.

Hempel asks the Board if they have any corrections or additions to the April 26, 2022 meeting minutes. None are noted.

Anderson makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Nyman seconds the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

9:01am

Hempel opens the public hearing for Kurt Schimek (applicant)/North Fork Ag Services LLC (owner), 2756 N Eagle Rd, Willmar, MN 56201. Property located at 62066 MN Hwy 24, Litchfield, MN 55355. Beginning at the Northwest (NW) corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼), more fully described in the application. Section One (1), Township One Hundred Nineteen (119), Range Thirty One (31), Litchfield Township. An application for an Area Variance to install a holding tank in lieu of a Type I, II or III septic system in the C-1 Central Commercial District.

Kurt Schimek is present for the hearing.

Schultz: This property is an approximately 5.1-acre Commercial C-1 zoned metes and bound property with a property address 62066 Mn Hwy 24, Litchfield, MN. Section 1, Township 119, Range 31 in Litchfield township. This property is contiguous to other C-1 properties to the south.

The applicant is asking for a holding tank variance to the ordinance which requires a Type I system for new construction systems. Currently there is a 60' x 120' shed on the property built in 2021 for warehousing agriculture seed products. The building has an office with a bathroom, shower, toilet and sink. The east area of the property is intended for crops or building expansion for the business. The area to the north has some wetland and woods. Only one employee is intended to occupy the building and office.

No history of septic installation was found for the previous building on-site.

Hempel inquires about other locations on the property for a Type I system, as the property is over five acres.

Anderson asks what company is doing the septic design—Radtke.

Schimek explains that he would like to put the holding tank outside the east entrance to the building.

Nyman indicates that there is a lot of room for a system.

Hempel is concerned that if the board approves this variance--it will stay with the property forever and this property very well could be used commercially in the future.

Anderson makes a motion to close the public hearing.
Hempel seconds the motion.
Motion carried 3-0.

Anderson makes a motion to approve the variance.
The motion does not have a second.
Motion denied 2-1. Hempel and Nyman deny the request.