



## STEELE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Steele County Administration Center – 630 Florence - Owatonna, MN 55060

*Steele County's Mission:  
Driven to deliver quality services in a respectful and fiscally responsible way.*

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Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. – Steele County Boardroom

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### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Spatenka at 7:00 pm. Present were Smith, Hansen, Gillis, Spatenka, Queen, Cole, and staff member Brooks.

### **Agenda:**

Motion by Queen, second by Smith to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Minutes:**

Motion by Hansen, second by Queen to approve the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Building Permits:**

The building permits for January were reviewed.

### **IUP 2020-02 (BH Agg- Hanson Pit)**

This request:

Even Goodrich on behalf of R&E Enterprises of Mankato, has requested to renew their permit to mine sand and gravel in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 33, Aurora Township on property owned by Bruce Hanson and Karen Grubisch.

Questions and comments of the commission.

As there were no questions or comments, from the board the hearing was closed.

The public hearing was opened.

As there were no more questions or comments, the public hearing was closed.

Discussion by the planning commission.

As there were no more questions or comments from the board, the hearing was closed.

Motion by Queen, second by Cole to recommend approval of IUP (BH Agg- Hanson Pit) with the following 18 conditions: (underlined is added, ~~strike through~~ is deleted)

1. Mining and processing is limited to the areas identified in the application. Before excavation can begin the boundary of the area shall be clearly marked onsite at the corners and a minimum of every 300 feet along all perimeters.
2. Mining is limited to a bottom elevation of 1260 feet.
3. Before excavation can begin, the permittee or operator shall furnish bond or other financial surety as approved by the county for site restoration and potential haul road repair. The bond or other financial surety shall be in an amount of \$5,000 per permitted acre for a total amount of \$200,000 and remain in place for 6 years from the from date of issuance of the permit.
4. Before excavation can begin the permittee shall obtain an access permit from the Steele County Highway Department and comply with all conditions of that permit.
5. Before excavation can begin all wetlands shall be delineated and all activities shall maintain a 30 feet buffer from those areas.
6. The excavation of material shall be setback a minimum of 30 feet from all property lines and any erosion within this setback shall be immediately corrected by the permittee. Overburden may be stored within the 30 feet setback area but cannot be done in a manner that causes runoff or siltation onto the neighboring property, impedes the natural overland flow of water, or backs water up onto neighboring properties. The setback between this property and parcel 04-033-4300 may be eliminated with written agreement of both property owners provided to the Planning and Zoning Office.
7. Equipment shall only be operated between the hours of 6:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Monday thru Saturday.
8. The access shall be gated to deter unauthorized access.
9. Signage warning of truck traffic shall be located along County Road #4 if required by the County. The size and placement of these signs shall be at the direction of Steele County Highway Department.
10. Trucks shall not track material from the pit onto the public road.
11. Trucks hauling material to and from this site shall not use "jake brakes"
12. Operator is responsible to maintain dust control in the pit and on the access road so it does not negatively affect neighboring properties or highway traffic.
13. Operator shall maintain the viability of any existing private drainage system at all times during the operation of the pit.
14. Storage piles of recyclable aggregate materials shall not exceed 30,000 cubic yards. These piles shall not remain onsite more than 5 years unless crushed. The State of Minnesota has additional requirements concerning recyclable aggregate stockpiles.
15. The applicant shall follow their submitted reclamation plan. Final reclamation shall include grading slopes to a 4:1 slope or flatter, replacing topsoil, and seeding down all areas not returned to cropland.
16. This permit remains valid during times when the owner/operator is current on all tax obligations including but not limited to aggregate taxes. In addition, if notified by the Auditor of a delinquency, the owner/operator is required to either pay the tax or file an appropriate challenge within 30 days or else the permit is null and void. The Steele County Auditors office shall review aggregate tax payments on an annual basis.
17. Applicant is responsible to obtain and follow all other federal, state, and local permits and regulations including but not limited to NPDES permits, DNR Water Appropriation Permits, and Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act regulations.

18. This permit expires on June 1<sup>st</sup>, ~~2025~~ 2030. All reclamation shall be completed unless the permittee has initiated the renewal of this permit before this date.

Motion passes

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Hansen, second by Smith to adjourn at 07:17pm. Motion passed.

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