Minutes for the Zoning Board on August 10, 2026

The Zoning Board held a meeting on August 10, 2026 in the Courtroom. In attendance were: Dean Gunderson, Duane Hoffman, Anesa McGregor, Monty Leu, Larry Ruppert, Jim Neighbors, members of the Zoning Board. Other people in attendance were Rodney Thim, Sharon Neighbors, Rachel Wooten, David Girres, Mike and Pam Houge, Austin Sparks, Richard Prior, Harold Christensen, Grant and Ashley Westergard, Brian and Molly Westergard, Alicia Boone, Marlys Graettinger, Paul Joyce, Butch Frederick, Karen Thu, Roger and Shelly Schmitt, Kandi Terwilliger, Ron and Sandy Kropf, Greg and Noreen Bohl, Ron Graettinger, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg and a reporter from KICD radio.

A motion by Monty and second by Larry to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 13, 2026. Motion carried.

Next item was an application from GW Livestock LLC to build a 4000 head pig nursery in Section 4 of Lost Island Township. Grant Westergard presented how the site location will be moved to the North side of the grain bins. Evergreen trees would be planted around the building to minimize the smell. People that spoke against the confinement building were: Marlys Graettinger, Roger Schmitt, Richard Prior, Alica Boone and Karen Thu. The Zoning Board asked questions about the manure, the current cattle lot, the current nursery Grant owns in Section 7 and the Good Neighbor Policy that Palo Alto County has had in place since 1997. Monty made a motion to deny the permit based on the Good Neighbor Policy. Second by Jim N. Motion carried.

Another application from GW Livestock LLC to build a 9999 head pig nursery in Section 24 of Lost Island Township was the next item. Kandi Terwilleger spoke against this site. Monty made a motion to deny this permit based on the Good Neighbor Policy. Second by Jim N. Motion carried.

The Board then discussed the procedure to write an amendment for repowering to the current Wind Ordinance.

Motion by Monty to adjourn with second by Duane. Motion carried.

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