

Becker County Planning Commission
May 27th, 2026

An audio recording of the meeting is available at:

https://www.co.becker.mn.us/government/meetings/planning_zoning/planning_commission/

Members Present: Chairman Dave Blomseth, Kim Mattson, Craig Hall, Nancy Bachmann, Harvey Aho, Tom Disse, Commissioner Phil Hansen, Commissioner Erica Jepson, and Kohl Skalin, John Okeson, and Zoning Administrator Kyle Vareberg. **Members Absent:** Jeff Moritz, Tommy Ailie, Mary Seaberg,

Chairman Dave Blomseth called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Becker County Zoning Technician Nicole Bradbury recorded the minutes.

Chairman Dave Blomseth explained the protocol for the meeting and stated that the recommendations of the Planning Commission will be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final action.

Okeson made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:02 pm.

Amendments:

Jeff Zeltinger asked for clarification on the land alteration portion of the of the proposed land alteration changes.

Renee Keezer, Water Resources Manager for White Earth, asked about regulations regarding data centers, the possibility of a moratorium, and suggested a public hearing for input. She also shared the importance of maintaining smaller vegetation on lots.

Public Testimony closed.

MOTION: Aho motioned to approve the amendments with the adoption of the conditions from the Department of Natural Resources. Mattson second. Roll Call; All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. **APPLICANT: John Berry & Jenna Berry 53819 Co Hwy 26 Osage, MN 56570**
Project Location: 53819 Co Hwy 26 Osage, MN 56570 LEGAL LAND

DESCRIPTIONS: Tax ID Number: **21.0152.001** Section 20 Township 140 Range 036; 20-140-36 PT NW1/4: COMM NE COR NW1/4, W 2637.71', S 1308.7' TO POB; E 1586.38', N 1311.89', W 1554.29', S 1308.7' TO POB. **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit for a transportation business to include temporary storage of homes and structures. This application was tabled from the April 29th, 2026, Planning Commission Hearing.

Lyn Hartness shared his concerns on this becoming a dumping ground and asked if the length of time structures can be there has been addressed.

Kenny and Beth Prigelmeier shared their concerns about their shared easement being used for business purposes.

Nine (9) letters were received regarding this application and are on file with the Becker County Zoning office and available upon request.

Testimony closed.

Findings of fact for this application are on record with the Becker County Zoning office, and a copy is available upon request.

MOTION: Okeson motioned to approve the application with the adoption of the revised findings of fact and the following conditions: 1) This Conditional Use Permit is limited to three (3) years. 2) A review of the Conditional Use Permit is required after eighteen (18) months. 3) Temporary structures must fit within the designated two point eight one (2.81) acre section defined at being three hundred and fifty (350) feet by three hundred and fifty (350) feet located four hundred and sixty (460) feet from the south property line and three hundred and twenty (320) feet from the centerline of County Road 26. 4) Trailers being scrapped must be removed within four (4) months. 5) Applicant has four (4) months from date of approval to get the current structures moved into the designated area. Disse second. Roll Call; Disse, Blomseth, Okeson, Hall, Aho, and Skalin in favor. Bachmann and Mattson opposed. Motion carried.

New Business:

- 1. APPLICANT: Michael D Anderson** 734 Shorewood Dr Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Project Location: 15835 US Hwy 59 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID Number: **19.0047.003** Section 04 Township 138 Range 041; 4-138-41 PT GOVT LOTS 3-4, PT SE1/4 NW1/4: COMM CTR SEC 4, W 132' TO POB; N 165', E 132', N 1906.08', W 66', N 432.69', NW 103.08', N 150.01', W 1100.2', SLY AL TH 59 1095.52', E 300', NLY 786.06', E 227.28', SELY 599.44', SLY 614.87', S 378.12', SW 894.46', W 326.92', W 105.4', S 58.99', E 1264.98' TO POB. TRACT A-2.

LESS 7.06AC (PLAT). **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**
Request a Preliminary Plat for a Common Interest Community consisting of nine (9)
units to be known as 59 DL STORAGE.

**MOTION: Okeson motioned to approve the application. Aho second. Roll
Call; All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

2. **APPLICANT: Steven L Skadsem & Sara B Skadsem** 24942 Co Hwy 6 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 **Project Location:** 24942 Co Hwy 6 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID Number: **19.0051.000 & 19.0076.002** Section 04 & 05 Township 138 Range 041; 04-138-041 PT GOVT LOT 4 AKA PT SW1/4 NW1/4: BEG W QTR COR SEC 4 TH E 200' ON S LN, N TO ST CLAIR LK, WLY AL LK TO W LN SEC 4, S AL W LN TO POB & 05-138-041 PT GOVT LOT 6: COMM E QTR COR SEC 5 TH W 947.32', N 446.13', NW 125.85' TO ST CLAIR LK, SLY & ELY AL LK TO E LN GOVT LOT 6, S 188.17' TO POB. **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a therapy and wellness center.

**MOTION: Okeson motioned to approve the application. Skalin second. Roll
Call; All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

3. **APPLICANT: Prairie Lake Investments LLC** 2604 Long Lake Rd Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID Number: **17.0368.043** Section 31 Township 138 Range 042; 31-138-42 SE1/4 NE1/4 LESS N 330'. N1/2 SE1/4 LESS 20AC (17-368-0, -2). LESS PLAT (72.33AC). **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request an amendment to recorded document number 715209 for a reduction from three hundred and fifty thousand (350,000) to fifty thousand (50,000) total cubic yards of material extracted in the described twenty (20) acre area. The amendment will include no crushing of material. The amendment also includes the sale of existing excess topsoil from the plat of Prairie Lake Estates. Other amendments to the conditions listed in recorded document number 715209 are subject to change or removal.

Mike Williams shared that he feels the berms are unnecessary and could create more of a problem.

Jeff Zeltinger asked about the location of the fifty thousand (50,000) cubic yards that will be removed.

Ed Clem said that the berms are unnecessary and impractical.

141 Testimony closed.

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143 Findings of fact for this application are on record with the Becker County Zoning office, and a
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147 **MOTION: Hall motioned to approve the application based on the presented**
148 **findings of facts and with the removal of the requirement for berms. Skalin**
149 **second. Roll Call; All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

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153 Harvey Aho made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 29th, 2026, meeting. Disse
154 second. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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159 **I) Tentative Date for the Next Informational Meeting: June 17th, 2026; 8:00 am; 3rd Floor**
160 **Meeting Room in the Becker County Courthouse, Detroit Lakes, MN.**

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163 **Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Aho made a motion to**
164 **adjourn. Ailie second. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.**

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170 **David Blomseth, Chairman**

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173 **Kyle Vareberg, Zoning Administrator**