

Becker County Planning Commission
July 29th, 2026

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

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

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

Acting Chairman Kohl Skalin explained the protocol for the meeting and stated that the recommendations of the Planning Commission will be forwarded to the Becker County Board of Commissioners for final action.

John Okeson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8th, 2026, meeting. Seaberg second. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. **APPLICANT: Brenden Mattson & Deborah Mattson** 50830 Smokey Hills Rd Ponsford, MN 56575 **Project Location:** 50830 Smokey Hills Rd Ponsford, MN 56575 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID Number: **05.0083.000** Section 10 Township 140 Range 037; E1/2 E1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4. **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a gunsmith business to include retail sales of used firearms.

MOTION: Aho motioned to approve the application. Moritz second. Roll Call; All in favor (Bachmann was not present for this vote.) None opposed. Motion carried.

2. **APPLICANT: Great Plains Towers, LLC on behalf of John Paul Grieser** 13572 Frazee Rd Frazee, MN 56544 **Project Location:** 13572 Frazee Rd Frazee, MN 56544 **LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION:** Tax ID Number: **03.0168.000** Section 17 Township 138 Range 040; 17-138-40 PT NW1/4 SE1/4: COMM E QTR COR SEC 17, W 1624.14' TO POB; S 300', E 300', S 381.64', W 743.94', N 725.28', E 448.22' TO POB. **APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Request a Conditional Use

Permit for a one hundred and ninety (190) foot guyed tower with a nine (9) foot lightening rod and accompanying equipment.

MOTION: Ailie motioned to approve the application. Seaberg second. Roll Call; All in favor (Bachmann was not present for this vote.) None opposed. Motion carried.

- 3. APPLICANT: William Jacobson on behalf of Louise Ann Ness (Jacobson) PO Box 238 Audubon, MN 56511 Project Location: 20212 190th Ave Audubon, MN 56511 LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION: Tax ID Number: 02.0057.002 Section 09 Township 139 Range 042; 9-139-42 PT W1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4 W OF TWP RD. LESS .32AC (2-7007). APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a metal sales business.**

Luke Langerud with Audubon Township asked that there be a provision for help with the road in the event any damage is done.

One letter was received in regard to this application. The letter is on file with the Becker County Zoning office, and a copy is available upon request.

MOTION: Hall motioned to approve the application with the condition the applicant works with Audubon township to repair the road if and when any significant damages are caused. Aho second. Roll Call; All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- I) Tentative Date for the Next Informational Meeting: August 19th, 2026; 8:00 am; 3rd Floor Meeting Room in the Becker County Courthouse, Detroit Lakes, MN.**

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Ailie made a motion to adjourn. Disse second. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

David Blomseth, Chairman

Kohl Skalin, Secretary

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Kyle Vareberg, Zoning Administrator