

Jones County Board of Adjustment

Meeting Minutes

July 16, at 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Paul Thomsen
Kathy McDonell
John Hinz
Roger Kistler

Members Absent:

Stan Reiter

Staff present:

Whitney Amos – Land Use Administrator
Michelle Lubben-Deputy Auditor

Visitors present:

Melissa Riedesel-23256 Fish House Rd., Anamosa
Grant Humston- 23256 Fish House Rd., Anamosa
Theresa Mahoney- 23525 Fish House Rd., Anamosa
Tom Durgin- 23035 Fish House Rd., Anamosa
Cori Mahoney- 23525 Fish House Rd., Anamosa
Gina Durgin-23124 Fish House Rd., Anamosa
Charles Durgin-23124 Fish House Rd., Anamosa
Ned Rohwedder-13204 County Rd. E23, Olin
Harper Houston-2079 130th Ave., Olin
Shannon Gutierrez-23025 Fish House Rd., Anamosa
Matt Fischer- 302 E 5th St., Anamosa

Thomsen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Introductions of the Board and visitors took place.

Motion by Hinz seconded by McDonell to approve the agenda. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kistler seconded by Hinz to approve the meeting minutes for both the June 18th and the June 25th meeting minutes with corrections.

Motion by Hinz seconded by McDonell to open the public hearing at 4:02 p.m. for owner Gina Durgin and applicant Charles Durgin who have applied for a Special Permitted Use within the R-Residential zoning district described as Parcel 97-74 in Sec 8 Far 25.80 Acres, (parcel 09-08-400-013) in Section 8 of Fairview Township generally located at 23124 Fish House Rd., Anamosa. More specifically, the proposal is to request an auxiliary dwelling for his daughter and grandson to reside in.

Amos noted that the Board received copies of the application, aerial map, and written report. The owner & applicant also received a copy of the written report as required. Amos noted that the adjacent landowners certified letters were received. No written or verbal comments were received prior to the meeting for the application.

Thomsen asked why the red sign had not been posted. Durgin advised that the wind had blown it down and that he found it in the ditch multiple times.

Charles Durgin advised that after he looked closer to where they were wanting to build, that they decided that they would like to build on the 25-acre parcel described as 08 84 04 N 25A Lot 1 FRA 22.51 Acres. This would be the only residential dwelling on this parcel. Gina also stated that the reason for not living in any of the current dwellings is because they are too close to the road. They would like privacy due to ongoing neighbor disputes. The Durgin's advised that they are currently farming approximately 17 goats at this time. It was also mentioned that neither Gina nor Charles are currently living on the main parcel. They advised that the barn apartments are vacant and no one is living in them.

Riedesel spoke about concerns about access to the property. She is concerned that the Durgin's will use an easement to access the dwelling they are requesting. Riedesel advised that the easement only allows the Durgin's to access a different parcel that they own, not the parcel in question. Riedesel also had concerns about the Durgin's not getting a certified well and septic company and that Charles would do it himself, as well as the electrical. Riedesel also advised that she had not seen any goats on the property.

There were multiple neighbors concerned about the construction and location of the proposed dwelling. Along with the incomplete application that was submitted for the auxiliary dwelling, and questions as to why they could not reside in an already established dwelling.

The discussion was much heated between parties.

It was also stated that in order to build on the parcel they are requesting, the Durgin's will need to fill out a permitted use application. With this there would be no farm exemptions going forward.

Motion by McDonell seconded by Hinz to close the public hearing at 4:35 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kistler seconded by Hinz to deny the Special Permitted Use application for owner Gina Durgin and applicant Charles Durgin who have applied for a special permitted use for an auxiliary dwelling to be located on the property at 23124 Fish House Rd., Anamosa.

Roll call vote:

Paul Thomsen-Aye

John Hinz- Aye

Roger Kistler- Aye

Kathy McDonell- Aye

All aye. Motion carried.

The next regular scheduled meeting is August 20, 2024, with the application deadline being Wednesday July 31, 2024

Motion by Hinz seconded by Kistler to adjourn at 4:37 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.