

## **MERCER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Mercer County Planning Commission met Thursday evening May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Beulah Civic Center, Eslinger called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. C.T.

Members Present: Mike Eslinger, Shane Cole, Chris Renner, Joey Neumiller, Rick Bauman (phone)

Members Absent: Gerald Bieber, Jesse Schiferl, Kevin Hafner, Casey Voigt

Others Present: Robb Moore, Carson Moore, Bryn Hartje

Motion by Cole, seconded by Neumiller, to approve the agenda, all members present voted “aye”, motion passed. Motion by Cole, seconded by Neumiller, to approve the minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All members present voted “aye”, motion passed.

### **New Business**

#### **ZONING CASE 25-05-01**

This an application from Carson Moore (Robb & Heidi Moore) for approval of a Conditional Use for a Non-Farm Residence within the Agricultural Zone of the Mercer County Zoning District Map. The subject parcel is located approximately 8 miles South of Beulah. The parcel will be located next to a previous existing non-occupied farmstead. The parcel is approximately 2.06 acres in size and is described as Tract 1 in SE4 located of Sec 2 T142N R88W of the 5th. Moore said the approach is already there, easements are ready to go with Roughrider, hydraulic study was done so they have an approval with SW water, and he has talked with Western Plains about septic. Bauman asked if there is enough room for a school bus turn around and Moore stated there is. Motion by Neumiller, seconded by Cole. All members present voted “aye”, motion passed.

#### **Temporary Use Permit #654**

This is an application from Mercer County for approval of a Temporary Use Permit for a Scoria Pit. The subject parcel is approximately 5 acres and is located approximately 5 miles N and 2 miles E of Beulah. The landowner is Brad Gunsch. It’s described as NE4SW4 NW4SE4 of Section 26, T145N, R87W of the 5<sup>th</sup> PM of Mercer County, ND. Bauman explained that the county tested and found scoria and an agreement was made with the landowner. The county will be putting in a road and using the approach off Co Rd 26. Eslinger would like the county to follow the recommendations that he passed around. (The recommendations were approved by the P& Z board June 2024 but did not pass the Commission board, so was never adopted). Eslinger talked to the landowner and he did not have a problem with these recommendations. Weed department will take care of the weeds and the road department will take care of the roads. Questions on how the bond would work. Jen will check with the States Attorney for clarification. Motion by Cole, seconded by Renner. All members present voted “aye”, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Neumiller, seconded by Renner. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

APPROVED:  
Jen Neumiller, Secretary

ATTEST:  
Mike Eslinger, Chairman