

**Minutes**  
**Forest County Public Hearing**  
**(Decorah Properties LLC – Event Center)**  
**Thursday, February 2, 2023**  
**Forest County Boardroom – Room 107**

1. **Call to Order:** The hearing was called to order by Chairperson Ron Karl at 4:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** The roll was called, present were Ron Karl, Mike Miller, Scott Goode, Lloyd Fulcer, and Brian Piasini. Others present: Jeannie Fannin, Zoning Administrator and Sandy Beauchaine, Zoning Administrative Assistant. Members of the public included Bruce Decorah, and Timi Eckes.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Lloyd Fulcer, second by Scott Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
4. **Confirm Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements:** The confirmation of compliance was given by Sandy Beauchaine (Zoning Administrative Assistant). Neighbors within 500 feet from Decorah Properties LLC were notified by mail, Public Hearing posted at Courthouse on the east and west side of building, and Public Hearing notice was emailed to the Forest Republican.
5. **Inform the Public of Hearing Procedures (time for each speaker):** Ron Karl informed the public that each speaker would be allowed 5 minutes.
6. **Open the Public Hearing:** Motion to open the public hearing by Brian Piasini, second by Lloyd Fulcer. All present voting (AYE). Motion approved.
7. **Reading of the Application:** The application and notice were read by Sandy Beauchaine.
8. **Applicants Presentation:** Applicant Bruce Decorah was present. Decorah informed the committee that Decorah Properties LLC are requesting a conditional use permit to operate an Event Center on the property located at 11624 State Hwy 8 in the Town of Crandon. Decorah informed the committee that the Event Center would be family orientated, holding special events such as weddings, birthday celebrations, etc. That if the conditional use permit is approved it would have 4 to 6 jobs opening available. Decorah also informed the committee that the building itself will have a maximum capacity of 100 people, and each event would close at midnight, the night of an event being held .
9. **Counties Presentation:** Sandy Beauchaine informed the Committee and public that the property is zoned Shoreland Residential Recreation, is 6.000 acres, 1000 feet of water frontage, and fronts the recreational trail. Access to the property via State Hwy 8 and there is extensive traffic from this access. Surrounding properties to the North; vacant property, South; one residential home, East and West; vacant properties.

10. **Comments from the public:** Timi Eckes was present and addressed the committee about her concerns with the Event Center. Eckes is concerned about the noise level that may come from the Event Center, being that she lives across State Hwy 8 south of the Decorah Properties LLC.
11. **Comments from the Town:** None
12. **Final questions from the Committee:** Mike Miller asked Bruce Decorah what he is going to do for a sanitary permit. Decorah informed Miller that it will be a new system that has been approved by the State of WI.
13. **Entertain a Motion to Close the Public Hearing:** Motion by Mike Miler to close the public hearing, second by Scott Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
14. **Deliberation and Decision:** Motion by Scott Goode to approve the request for a Conditional Use permit for Decorah Properties LLC – Event Center for 11624 State Hwy 8, in the Town of Crandon, with the following conditions:
- Regulation of noise and a quiet time enforced.
  - Erosion control during construction on the river side
  - Onsite dumpsters and recycling containers
  - Garbage must be kept in container away from animals.
  - Vehicles are to park on property only, not on State Highway, road easements, or recreational trail
  - Event Center to close at midnight (12 a.m.)
- second by Lloyd Fulcer. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
15. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Mike Miller, second by Brian Piasini. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_