

November 15, 2012

DECISION  
SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
Appeal Application No. SP-30-12

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mark Lankey  
S930 County Road Y  
Wonewoc, WI. 53968

Dear Mr. Lankey:

On November 15, 2012, the Sauk County Board of Adjustment considered your application for a special exception permit, pursuant to Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(1)20. Based upon the applicable records, evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the Board of Adjustment makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

Mark Lankey, hereinafter referred to as "Applicant", applied for special exception permits pursuant to Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(1)720, to authorize the location and operation of an agricultural related business. The property is located in section 17 of the Town of Woodland and subject to Chapter 7, the Sauk County Zoning Ordinance.

Section 7.05(2)(1)20 of the Sauk County Zoning Ordinance provides that a special exception permit is required for agricultural related businesses including, but not limited to, farm implement dealers, stockyards, veterinary services and agricultural supply dealers.

This applicant is requesting a special exception permit for seed sales (Tri-County Seeds).

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Sauk County Board of Adjustment may not grant a special exception permit for an agricultural related business unless all of the conditions listed in Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(1) are met. As part of its review, the Board must determine whether the location of the agricultural business will significantly injure the public health, safety or welfare. The applicant has the burden of showing that the permit meets the standards designated in Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(1). Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc. v. Sauk County Board of Adjustment, 183 Wis. 2d 1, 515 N.W.2d 256, 262 (1994).

Upon reviewing the evidence and testimony, the Board determined the proposed location of the agricultural seed sales business is consistent with the purpose and intent of the

Ordinance. The board made this decision based on testimony and information provided at the hearing, and the following:

The Sauk County Board of Adjustment determined that this location would be suitable for the continued use as an agricultural seed sales facility.

## DECISION

Based upon the evidence, testimony, exhibits and legal authority, the Sauk County Board of Adjustment, by a vote of five to none, approves your request, subject to conditions, for a special exception permit for an agricultural related business.

In issuing the special exception permit, the Board set forth the following conditions the Applicant shall comply with:

A. All work on and use of the premises shall proceed with the plans and supplemental evidence presented at the hearing. It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure all required Town, State, Federal and County permits within one year of the hearing date.

B. No work shall be commenced prior to receiving the Board of Adjustment decision letter and securing the required permits.

C. The site shall operate under the terms and during the hours as presented by the applicant. The permit shall be limited to ten years and may be renewed by the Board of Adjustment when expired.

D. The permit shall be nontransferable.

E. Sauk County Conservation, Planning and Zoning shall be granted permission to view the site to ensure compliance with these conditions and other relevant provisions of Sauk County Ordinances. The power to ensure compliance with these conditions is given to Sauk County Conservation, Planning and Zoning. If the department finds that any of these conditions have been violated, they are hereby authorized to take corrective action, either through suspension of the permit, citations or by any means of enforcement that is within their power.

F. Failure by the Applicant to follow all of the conditions set forth by the Sauk County Board of Adjustment is grounds for suspension or revocation of the special exception permit and possible enforcement action. In order to have the special exception permit reinstated after suspension, the applicant must comply with all conditions established by the Board of Adjustment, as determined by the Sauk County Conservation, Planning & Zoning Director, or appear in front of the Board of Adjustment. In order to have the special exception permit reinstated after revocation the applicant must appear in front of the Board of Adjustment for a new hearing and comply with all requirements as outlined in this letter.

F. The display lot shall not exceed 100,000 square feet in area.

G. The special exception permit shall be valid for a period of ten years.

#### APPEAL RIGHTS

A complete record of the hearing and the decision of the Board is available for inspection at the Sauk County West Square Building. Please note that advance arrangements may be necessary to inspect such records. This decision will become final unless a written appeal is filed with the Sauk County Circuit Court within 30 days of the decision being filed in the Sauk County Planning and Zoning Office. Copies of the record may be secured upon written request and upon payment of the transcription fees.

Very truly yours,

SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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Linda White, Chair

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Henry Netzing, Secretary

Filed on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

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