

Brown County Board of Adjustment
June 10, 2025

The Brown County Board of Adjustment held their regular meeting open to the public on June 10, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the Brown County Commissioners Room. Board Members present: Joe Stadheim, Tom Hirsch, Lori Schneider, Tony Boelter, and Jim Krueger. Others present include Sam Hansen, County Administrator; Charles Hanson, County Attorney; and Amanda Lang, Assistant Zoning Administrator.

Members not present include: None.

Members of the public present include: Darv Turbes and Jill Nelson.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony Boelter at 10:00 a.m.

A **Motion** was made by Hirsch and **Seconded** by Stadheim to approve the minutes with corrections from March 11, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously on a 5-0 vote.

The **First item of business** is a variance application #APP-V-0071 by Darvin Turbes on the property owned by Cottonwood Township, described as Park Addition Lot 1, Block 1, Section 22, Township 109 North, Range 30 West, Cottonwood Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Variance is to allow a fifty-one (51) foot one reduction from the required one hundred forty-five (145) feet from the center of a township road, and to allow a six (6) foot reduction from the required (20) feet from a side yard property line, for a storage shed, all located in the B-1 Business Highway District.

Discussion: Santaella gave overview. It was clarified that this is located in a business zone. Krueger expressed concerns that the proposed shed would be tight in the area and close to the existing building. Turbes said this location would be closer to the existing business zone rather than being close to residential neighbors. Access door will be on the South side of building. There is also a sewer line that runs to the North of the existing building. Schneider asked if it would look like a machine shed, and Turbes said it will have soffits to make it not just look like a shed. Hirsch asked if the height of the building is enough to accommodate large equipment in the future. The wall height will be 16 feet Turbes said.

The Finding of Fact sheet was completed.

A **Motion** was made by Hirsch and **Seconded** by Schneider to approve the variance. The motion was approved on a 4-1 vote with Krueger dissenting. The variance is granted.

The **Second and Final item of business** is a variance application #APP-V-0072 of Jill Nelson on the property owned by Brian L & Jill D Nelson described as part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, all in Section 28, Township 109 North, Range 32 West, Home Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Variance is to allow a five (5) foot six (6) inch reduction from the required ten (10) feet to four (5) feet six (6) inches from two (2) structures to a septic holding tank, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Santaella gave overview. Schneider asked if the Dairy Association is in approval of this, and the applicant said yes. Santaella informed the Board that a holding tank is a designed system with a management contract. The applicant, Jill Nelson, explained the operation and what she will be doing. Hirsch asked if the contractor that designed this is in agreeance with the location proposed, and it is confirmed they are. Schneider asked if digging this in will disrupt the structure, and there are no concern with that from the contractor.

The Finding of Fact sheet was completed.

A **Motion** was made by Stadheim and **Seconded** by Krueger to approve the variance. The motion was approved unanimously on a 5-0 vote. The variance is granted.

There being no other business, Stadheim motioned to adjourn, Boelter second, Chair Boelter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Lang, Assistant Zoning Administrator