From: Brent Kelley
To: Lane, Roger
Subject: Re: Petition CUP 2511 and 11621
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Hi Roger

Just wanted to make sure you and the rest of the ZLR committee received my email regarding our concerns.

Thanks
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On Mon, Dec 14, 2020, 9:23 PM Brent Kelley <brent.kelley12@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Lane,
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> Hello, my name is Brent Kelley and my family, and I reside at 5339 Norway Grove Rd in DeForest. I am writing to you and the Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee over our continued concerns regarding the proposed mineral extraction and separation of existing residence from farmland petitions by 4D Farms LLC. These petitions are being discussed at the upcoming December 22nd Public Hearing.
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> I am not sure how much information the Town of Vienna has forwarded on to the committee, so I will attach an email I sent our Planning Commission Board via our Town Clerk.
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> Our property is in close proximity to the proposed CUP submitted by 4D Farms LLC and Madison Sand and Gravel. Currently, Madison Sand and Gravel's operation is roughly 1200 feet from our private well. This mineral extraction will bring their operations within 160 feet from our well and under 500 feet from 4 neighboring wells if approved. Madison Sand and Gravel has agreed to test our well, and neighboring wells, before the extraction starts and annually, but we feel this is still a danger to the private wells. I am a Master Plumber, and the proximity of this proposed quarry is within the Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 812 guidelines. This gives minimum requirements for proposed wells within 500 feet of a quarry and 1200 feet before October 2014. Our well and 4 neighboring wells will be within 500 feet. These private wells are not new but there must be some concern with wells next to quarries because the code requires a certain well casing depth and well construction. We are unable to find well records of most of the neighboring wells.
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> The Town of Vienna has extensive water issues, including properties that have standing water from Madison Sand and Gravel's operation on Hahn Road. This puts the neighboring properties and water safety at risk. 4D Farms LLC is applying for this CUP but are selling the proposed land to Madison Sand and Gravel contingent on permitting approval. Our Town and Planning Commission Boards have said this is an extension on an already existing operation, but this is in acquisition of new neighboring land. This greatly affects our property and family. We have 3 young children and are concerned about the mineral extraction being an attractive nuisance as well as decreasing the quality of their home life. The proposed quarry would be in operation 6 days a week from 6am to 6pm for up to 20 years. We are currently able to hear Madison Sand and Gravel's quarry 1200 feet away with the existing natural berm. If approved the operation would be roughly 60 feet from our property line with this berm used as noise control. Clearly this will increase noise pollution and decrease quality of life for our family, and our neighbors. My wife's grandparents

currently live within 100 feet of a different quarry in the Town of Vienna, and the noise can be deafening at times. We have also spent a large amount of money renovating and updating our property for our family. We have created a safe and calming place to raise our children, and this proposal will greatly decrease both our property value and quality of life.

There are also two documented wetlands on this proposed plan. Although there appears to be measures not to disturb them, having mineral extraction around them will greatly affect the ecosystem. We have seen bald eagles, frogs, turtles, and deer both on our property and the adjoining property. These wetlands are an example of how high the water table is in the area.

To the East of our property, there is a drive that will continue to be owned by 4D Farms LLC. If this separation is approved, we would ask that the remaining 4D Farms land surrounding our property have a deed restriction that it can only be used for residential use. We are concerned that at some point this drive would be used for commercial use, trucking, or sold since it is an access point to the proposed mineral extraction site.

We understand the reasoning behind Madison Sand and Gravel's desire to acquire this land. They have agreed to increased fencing and planting of trees as a condition to the CUP. Even with these measures we feel there is too great of risk to our family, our neighbors, and the wells.

We appreciate you and the ZLR committee reviewing our concerns prior to the public hearing. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time,

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