

# LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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**October 15, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeanne Doheny, Jim Mladek, Roy McIntyre

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Colin Harris, John Wolf

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joshua Mankowski

1. **Call to Order** at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jeanne Doheny.
2. **Agenda:** Additions/Corrections: None. Motion to approve agenda by Jim Mladek. Seconded by Roy McIntyre. Motion approved via roll call vote 3-0. Motion carried.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** September 17, 2020 Additions/Corrections: None. Motion to approve minutes by Roy McIntyre. Seconded by Jim Mladek. Motion approved via roll call vote 3-0. Motion carried.
4. **Applications:**

**ITEM #1: DEICHMAN CONSTRUCTION LLC, MANKATO, MN, (APPLICANT); MIKE & LINDA FINLEY, JANESVILLE, MN, (OWNER):** Request that the County grant a Variance from the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance to allow the applicant to construct a single-family dwelling 32 feet from the road Right-Of-Way (ROW) in a Recreational Residential "RR" District, Lake Frances a Recreational Development "RD" lake. Property is located in Government Lot 1, Section 34, Elysian Township. **VARIANCE IS FOR ROAD ROW SETBACK.**

Mark Deichman, Deichman Construction LLC, was present for the application. Township: None. DNR: None. Letters submitted: None.

Discussion was held regarding: The fact that this is a small, nonconforming lot, current structure proximity to the bluff and the proposed house meeting bluff setback requirements, the planned timeline for construction, and the location of the well were discussed.

Findings of Fact by majority roll call vote:

1. *The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner. **Improvement to the lot, nice to see that they are preserving the bluff and not letting it deteriorate.***
2. *The alleged practical difficulty is unique to the property. **Pleased that you are preserving the bluff and shortening the ROW setback, best for the lake and the area.***
3. *The circumstances causing the practical difficulty were created by someone other than the applicant/landowner.*
4. *The issuance of the Variance will maintain the essential character of the locality. **Improvement.***
5. *The alleged practical difficulty involves more than economic considerations.*
6. *The Variance is consistent with and supported by the statement of purposes, policies, goals and objectives in the Ordinance.*
7. *The Variance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.*

Motion was made by Roy McIntyre to Approve the application. Conditions: None. Seconded by Jim Mladek. Motion approved. Motion carried.

5. **Discussion Items:** None.

6. **Warrants/Claims:** Sign warrants/claim sheets

7. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting by Jim Mladek. Seconded by Roy McIntyre. Motion approved. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Mankowski

**Approved November 19, 2020**

*Tape of meeting is on file in the  
Le Sueur County Environmental Services Office*