

Green Lake County
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
September 18, 2026

The meeting of the Green Lake County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Chair Ron Triemstra on Friday October 16, 2026 at 9:00 am in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via remote access. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Ron Triemstra, Chair
Rick Dornfeld
Peter Wallace

Other County employees present:

Pam Dykstra, Deputy County Clerk, Matt Kirkman, P&Z Director; Noah Brown, Land Use and Shoreland Specialist; Michelle Davis, Land Use and POWTS Specialist (10:17 am), Ryan Schinke, Land Use Coordinator/Technician (10:17 am)

MINUTES

Motion/second (Triemstra/Wallace) to approve the minutes of the 09/18/2026 meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RECESS FOR FIELD INSPECTION

Recessed at 9:01am for field inspection.

RECONVENE

Meeting was reconvened at 10:17 am.

PUBLIC HEARING (NOT TO BEGIN BEFORE 9:30AM)

Public Hearing began at 10:18 am. Chair Triemstra read the rules for Public Hearing.

Item #1: Owner/Applicant: United Cooperative, **Agent:** Robert E. Lee & Associates, **Location:** W1705 County Road S, **Parcel:** 010-00168-0000, **General Legal Description:** Located in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 8, T14N, R13E, Town of Mackford, ±12.895 acres, **Request:** Variance from Section 350-20 of the County Zoning Ordinance to build an office building that will provide a 10' side yard setback, whereas a 20' side yard setback is required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Breitenfeldt, 1250 Centennial Centre Blvd, Hobart, WI from Robert E. Lee & Associates introduced himself and gave a brief explanation of the project.
Elmer Bock, W1618 Cty Rd S, Markesan, WI – spoke in opposition of the project.

Public Hearing for Item #1 closed at 10:28 am.

Kirkman read the staff report. Discussion held regarding the details listed in the staff report.

Motion/second(Triemstra/Dornfeld) to grant the variance based upon the information they received with the conditions listed in the staff report. Discussion held. ***Amended***

Motion/second(Triemstra/Dornfeld) to add the conditions of the CUP and recommendations made by the Land Use, Planning & Zoning Committee. Reading of the roll Ayes – 3 , Nays – 0 , Absent – 0. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Public Hearing for item #2 began at 10:53 am.

Item #2: Owner/Applicant: United Cooperative, **Agent:** Robert E. Lee & Associates, **Location:** W1705 County Road S, Parcel: 010-00168-0000, **General Legal Description:** Located in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 8, T14N, R13E, Town of Mackford, ±12.895 acres, **Request:** Variance from Section 350-20 of the County Zoning Ordinance to build a new dry fertilizer building that will be built with a side yard setback of zero feet, whereas a 140' side yard setback is required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Breitenfeldt, 1250 Centennial Centre Blvd, Hobart, WI from Robert E. Lee & Associates introduced himself and gave a brief explanation of the project.

Brian Zimmerman, W5830 Puckaway Rd. Markesan, WI spoke in favor of the agreement, but wants to make sure that public services has access to the land between the building and the railroad tracks.

Public Hearing for Item #2 closed at 10:58 am.

Kirkman read the staff report. Discussion held regarding the details listed in the staff report.

Motion/second(Triemstra/Wallace) to grant the variance based upon the information they received with the conditions listed in the staff report and the condition that public services have access to the land between the building and the railroad tracks. Discussion held. Reading of the roll Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 0. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Public Hearing for item #3 began at 11:15 am.

Item #3: Owner/Applicant: United Cooperative, **Agent:** Robert E. Lee & Associates, **Location:** W1705 County Road S, **Parcel:** 010-00168-0000, **General Legal Description:** Located in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 8, T14N, R13E, Town of Mackford, ±12.895 acres, **Request:** Variance from Section 350-19 of the County Zoning Ordinance to build a new dry fertilizer building to include a 128' tall fertilizer tower, whereas a 35' maximum height is required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Breitenfeldt, 1250 Centennial Centre Blvd, Hobart, WI from Robert E. Lee & Associates introduced himself and gave a brief explanation of the project.

Public Hearing for Item #3 closed at 11:17 am.

Kirkman read the staff report. Discussion held regarding the details listed in the staff report.

Motion/second(Triemstra/Dornfeld) to grant the variance based upon the information they received with the conditions listed in the staff report. Discussion held. Reading of the roll Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 0. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – TBD
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Chair Triemstra adjourned the meeting at 11:37 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamala Dykstra
Deputy County Clerk