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**GRANTING A REZONING AND VARIANCES  
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT  
10900 BLOCK OF SALISBURY ROAD, PLEASANT PLAINS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

  
Sangamon County Clerk

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has presented to the Sangamon County Board, Sangamon County, Illinois, its Findings of Fact and Recommendation that the Sangamon County Board **grant a rezoning and variances** to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance with respect to the following described property, to-wit:

**See Exhibit A**

WHEREAS, the Petitioner, **Jeffrey Schoneweis**, has petitioned the Sangamon County Board requesting for **Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District;** and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the Sangamon County Building on **January 18, 2024** after proper notice was posted on said property and given by news publication, as is required by said Ordinance, and all procedural and jurisdictional requirements of the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance have been met; and,

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals has presented to the Sangamon County Board of Sangamon County its Findings of Fact and Recommendation that the Sangamon County Board **grant a rezoning and variances;** and,

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Board does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session assembled this **13<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2024** that the following request(s) on the above described property are hereby approved:

**For Proposed Parcel 1:**

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District;
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and,
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District.

Signed and passed by the Sangamon County Board in session on this **13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.**

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COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

**ATTEST:**

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SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK

**EXHIBIT A**

PART OF THE EAST 20 ACRES OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27 AND PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 26, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A FOUND IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE AFORESAID SECTION 26; THENCE NORTH 89° 40' 07" WEST 330.37 FEET TO A FENCE LINE ON THE WEST LINE OF THE AFORESAID EAST 20 ACRES; THENCE NORTH 00° 00' 13" WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE 769.72 FEET TO A CORNER POST. THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 87° 02' 45" EAST ALONG A FENCE LINE EXTENDED 684.95 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 00° 00' 00" EAST 1424.78 FEET TO THE DEDICATED NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY 21; THENCE NORTH 88° 15' 36" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 199.99 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00° 00' 00" EAST 458.65 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° 40' 07" EAST 884.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00° 00' 00" EAST 2785.01 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE AFORESAID SECTION 26; THENCE NORTH 89° 49' 09" WEST 1768.06 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 20 ACRES OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE AFORESAID SECTION 27; THENCE SOUTH 00° 00' 00" EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID 20 ACRE TRACT 1860.71 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 100.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

PIN #04-26.0-100-012

**RECAP**  
(For County Board Use)

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER: # 1                      NAME: Tom Fraase Jr.

DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-002

ADDRESS: 10900 Block of Salisbury Road, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677

PETITIONER: Jeffrey L. Schoneweis

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: "A" Agricultural District.

REQUESTED ZONING CLASSIFICATION: Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District.

AREA: 100.31 acres

COMMENTS: None

OBJECTORS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval. While the LESA score of 213 indicates the subject property is suitable for agricultural use only, the approximate 8 acres being proposed for R-1 is to be combined with the neighboring R-1 zoned parcel and uniform zoning would be needed for this reconfiguration to occur. The proposed reconfiguration will increase the existing lot-width-depth ratio over what was previously granted in 2011, thus requiring the additional variance, which staff recommends approving. No change in land use is contemplated and negative impacts are not anticipated. Other parcels in the area are zoned Agricultural, which has no height restrictions. The Standards for Variation are met.

SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION:  
Approval of Staff Recommendation.

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RECORDING SECRETARY

SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: ) DOCKET NO: **2024-002**  
**Jeffrey L. Schoneweis** )  
) )  
) ) PROPERTY LOCATED AT:  
) ) **10900 Block of Salisbury Road**  
) ) **Pleasant Plains, IL 62677**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THIS MATTER, Coming on for a hearing before the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals of Sangamon County, Illinois, and it appearing to said Board that a petition for a **rezoning and variances** of the Zoning Regulations of said County has been filed herein by the above captioned petitioner(s); that legal publication has been made pursuant to law; and that a public hearing was held on **January 18, 2024** pursuant to law; and that said Board took testimony of witnesses, examined the evidence, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, therefore finds as follows:

1. That said Board has jurisdiction to consider the petition filed herein.
2. That the above-captioned petitioner(s) is the owner(s) and/or has a beneficial interest in, contract to purchase, or is the County Board Member representing the property commonly known as: **10900 Block of Salisbury Road, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677** and more particularly described as:

**See Exhibit A**

3. That the present zoning of said property is **“A” Agricultural District.**
4. That the present land use of said property is **barn and cropland.**
5. That the proposed land use of said property is **Proposed Parcel 1: Single-family residence, accessory structures, and agriculture; and, Proposed Parcel 2: Cropland.**
6. That the request(s) for the subject property are for **Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the “R-1” Single-Family Residence District.**
7. That required findings and standards of the Sangamon County Board of Appeals are accurately stated on the attached exhibit(s).
8. The evidence adduced at the hearing **does** support the proposition that the adoption of the proposed **rezoning and variances** is in the public interest and is not solely in the interest of the petitioner(s).

IT IS, THEREFORE, the recommendation of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals to the County Board of Sangamon County that the following request(s) **are hereby approved:**

**For Proposed Parcel 1:**

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from **“A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District;**
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and,
- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the **“R-1” Single-Family Residence District.**

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CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF THE  
SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

There was a motion by Zoning Board Member, **Richard Thompson**, which was duly seconded by **Anthony Mares**, to concur with the findings of fact and recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission and recommend to the County Board that the following request(s) **are hereby approved:**

**For Proposed Parcel 1:**

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District;
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The vote of the Board was as follows:

YES:           **Charlie Chimento, Don Wulf, Anthony Mares, Richard Thompson**  
                  **George Petrilli**

NO:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

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RECORDING SECRETARY

**SANGAMON COUNTY  
RECOMMENDED - FINDINGS OF FACT**

Case #: 2024-002

Address: 10900 Block of Salisbury Road, Pleasant Plains

(i) Existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question.  
**North & West – Cropland. East – Cropland, pasture, and horse stable. South – Residence, nursery, and cropland.**

(ii) The zoning classification of property within the general area of the property in question.  
**North & East – Agricultural. South & West – R-1 & Agricultural.**

(iii) The suitability of the property in question to the uses permitted under the existing zoning classification.

**While the LESA score of 213 indicates the subject property is suitable for agricultural use only, the approximate 8 acres being proposed for R-1 is to be combined with the neighboring R-1 zoned parcel and uniform zoning would be needed for this reconfiguration to occur.**

(iv) The trend of development, within the vicinity since the property was originally classified.

**The trend of development in the area is rural residential and agricultural. In 2011, R-1 and a variance for lot-width-depth was granted for the west parcel adjacent to the subject property. In 1983, a lot width variance was granted for a parcel southeast of the subject property.**



**SANGAMON COUNTY  
RECOMMENDED - STANDARDS FOR VARIATIONS**

Case #: 2024-002

Address: 10900 Block of Salisbury Road, Pleasant Plains

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not recommend to the Sangamon County Board that the regulations of this ordinance be varied as authorized in F. (1) hereof, unless it shall make findings of fact based upon the evidence presented to it in each specified case:

- (i) that the property in question cannot be economically used or yield a reasonable return, if permitted to be used only for the conditions allowed by the regulations.

**Granting the requested lot-width-depth variance will facilitate a reconfiguration to add approximately 8 acres to the adjacent parcel to the west of the subject property which increases the lot-width-depth ratio. Allowing an accessory structure to be 24 feet instead of 18 feet in the R-1 District would be consistent with the height of accessory structures located on properties in this area that are zoned Agricultural, which has no height restriction.**

- (ii) that the plight of the owner is due to circumstances unique to the property and not generally applicable to other property in the area.

**The proposed reconfiguration will increase the existing lot-width-depth ratio over what was previously granted in 2011, thus requiring the additional variance. Other parcels in the area are zoned Agricultural, which has no height restrictions.**

- (iii) that the variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality, impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, increase the congestion of traffic, or diminish or impair property values in the locality.

**No change in land use is contemplated and negative impacts are not anticipated.**

**LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT**

<b>Part 1: Site Assessment</b>	<b>Available Points</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b><u>AGRICULTURAL/RURAL LAND WITHIN .5 MILE</u></b>		
90% or more	20	<b>20</b>
75-89%	10	
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<b><u>CONTIGUOUS AGRICULTURAL/RURAL LAND</u></b>		
90% or more	20	<b>20</b>
75-89%	10	
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<b><u>PERCENTAGE OF SITE AGRICULTURAL/RURAL</u></b>		
75-100%	10	<b>10</b>
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<b><u>COUNTY SECTOR</u></b>		
Rural	20	<b>20</b>
0.5 mile from incorporated area	10	
Incorporated area	0	
<b><u>SOIL WITH SEVERE RESTRICTIONS FOR ON-SITE WASTE DISPOSAL</u></b>		
75% or more	20	<b>10</b>
50-74%	10	
25-49%	5	
Less than 25% or sewer available	0	
<b><u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED USE</u></b>		
Negative impact	15	<b>0</b>
Little or none with protective measures	5	
Little or none	0	
<b><u>IMPACT ON UNIQUE HISTORICAL/CULTURAL FEATURES</u></b>		
Negative impact	10	<b>0</b>
No impact	0	

<u>CONDITION OF ROAD</u>		
unpaved, <40' ROW, or < 16' pavement	20	<b>0</b>
16'-18' pavement, 40' ROW	15	
18'-20' pavement, 40' ROW	10	
> 20' pavement, 40' ROW or County or State Highway	0	

<u>AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC SEWER</u>		
Not available	15	<b>15</b>
Sewer over 600'-1200' away	8	
Private central sewage system	5	
Sewer 600' or less away and available	0	

<u>AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC WATER</u>		
Not available	20	<b>20</b>
1,000-1,500' away	15	
Less than 1,000' away	5	
Public water available at site	0	

<u>DISTANCE FROM RESPONDING FIREHOUSE</u>		
Not in fire protection district	20	<b>5</b>
More than 5 miles or fire protection by assignment	10	
2.6-5 miles	5	
0-2.5 miles	0	

<u>DRIVING TIME TO HIGH SCHOOL</u>		
Over 30 minutes	10	<b>5</b>
15-30 minutes	5	
Less than 15 minutes	0	

<b>SITE ASSESSMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>125</b>
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**Part 2: Agricultural Land Evaluation** (Based on Sangamon County Soil Survey)

<u>Soil</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Relative Value</u>	<u>Points</u>
198A	Elburn	P		100	
199A	Plano	P		100	
43A	Ipava	P	<b>21</b>	100	<b>21</b>
7148A	Proctor	P		100	
46A	Herrick	P		100	
7037A	Worthen	P		100	
705A	Buckhart	P	<b>0</b>	98	
199B	Plano	P		98	
36B	Tama	P		98	
244A	Hartsburg	P2		98	
257A	Clarksdale	P2		98	
68A	Sable	P2	<b>43</b>	87	<b>37</b>
679B	Blackberry	P		87	
705B	Buckhart	P		87	
86B	Oscos	P	<b>32</b>	87	<b>28</b>
684B	Broadwell	P		87	
50A	Viriden	P2		87	
712A	Spaulding	P2		87	
127B	Harrison	P		87	
3077A	Huntsville	P3		87	
138A	Shiloh	P2		87	
249A	Edinburg	P2		87	
242A	Kendall	P2		87	
7242A	Kendall	P2		87	
134A	Camden	P		87	
17A	Keomah	P2	<b>1</b>	87	<b>1</b>
3451A	Lawson	P3		75	
3107A	Sawmill	P5		75	
7075B	Drury	P		75	
8396A	Vesser	P2		75	
3074A	Radford	P3		75	
3073A	Ross	P3		75	
3284A	Tice	P3		75	
279B	Rozetta	P		75	
45A	Denny	P2		75	
134B	Camden	P		75	
112A	Cowden	P2		75	
685B	Middletown	P		75	
3405A	Zook	P5		75	
131C2	Alvin	P		75	
86C2	Oscos	I		74	
36C2	Tama	I		74	
684C2	Broadwell	I		74	
119C2	Elco	I		74	
119D	Elco	I		74	
127C2	Harrison	I		74	
119D2	Elco	I		74	
567C2	Elkhart	I	<b>1</b>	74	<b>1</b>
134C2	Camden	I		74	
259C2	Assumption	I		74	

685C2	Middletown	I	74
280D2	Fayette	I	74
119D3	Elco	N	74
259D2	Assumption	I	74
212C2	Thebes	I	74
630C2	Navlys	I	74
630D2	Navlys	I	74
630D3	Navlys	I	57
131D2	Alvin	I	57
8D	Hickory	I	50
8D2	Hickory	I	50
280D3	Fayette	I	44
8D3	Hickory	I	44
8F	Hickory	N	44
549G	Marseilles	N	0
533	Urban Land	N	
536	Dumps	N	
830	Orthents, Land	N	
862	Pits, Sand	N	
864	Pits, Quarries	N	
801C	Orthents, Silty	N	
W	Water		

Prime/Important Farmlands Designations:

P: Prime farmland

P2: Prime where drained

P3: Prime where protected from flooding or flooding is less often than once in two years during the growing season.

P5: Prime where drained and either protected from flooding or flooding is less often than once in two years during the growing season.

I: Important farmland

N: Not Prime/Important Farmland

<b>AGRICULTURAL LAND EVALUATION TOTAL</b>	<b>88</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>
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Fewer than 150 points shall be deemed acceptable for non-agricultural development.

From 150 - 175 points is considered marginal requiring mitigating factors for non-ag development.

Greater than 175 points shall be considered suitable for agricultural use only.