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CONSTRUCTION OF 12 NEW CHICKEN BROILER HOUSES ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 13 OF THE FARM WAGENBEETJIES DRAAI 875, UMSHWATHI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, SITUATED IN UMGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Meeting minutes

1. Meeting Specifications

Meeting Venue: Site meeting
Time: 09:00
Date: 09 May 2022

Appendices:
 Appendix A: Signed Attendance Register

2. Meeting Attendees:

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3. Meeting Minutes

Agenda		Minutes /Matters arising	Action
1.	Welcome, introductions and agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JA opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and attendance. • The application is for the construction of 12 new chicken broiler houses on this property, remaining extend of Portion 13 of the farm Wagenbeetjies Draai 875 • Surface area of the application is 8 HA, it is approximately 13km Southwest from the town Wartburg. • Applicant is Nyala Farm CC • Landowner is Freelands Farms • Current land use is planted pasture for grazing. 	JA
3.	Site Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Project description:</u> 12 newly built chicken houses which will consist of a steel structure, with a sink roof and a concrete floor, each with its own heating system which will be fed by woodchips. • <u>Dimensions:</u> The houses will approximately be 16.5 x 123m each will be housing 50 000 chickens, water tank of 10 000L per house and a feeder tank which will hold 20 tons. • <u>Project Duration:</u> Approximately 2 years, intention to build 6 houses for a period of 2 years. • <u>Existing Infrastructure:</u> D162 adjacent to this property and then Eskom which will provide electricity services, the Umgeni River, Umgeni conservancy protected area approximately 1.2km from the site. • <u>Alternatives assessed:</u> Previous application was the coal verses the woodchip as well as location alternatives of the proposed Layout. • <u>Operational procedure:</u> Daily Collection of their chickens and a delivery to the crocodile farm, chickens will have a cycle of 30-40 days life cycle. Their will be no permanent storage of dead chickens, water will be extracted From the Umgeni River, their will be a storm water system for the separation of clean and dirty water. A cleaning service after every cycle no stock pilling of manure it will be taken away daily. • <u>Waste Products:</u> Ash from the woodchips, approx. 60kg of ash per production cycle of 40 days, 3400 tons litter per anum from the chickens. This manure will be sold to the sugar cane farmers in the area. • <u>Proposed spreading:</u> 3 and 6 tons per ha applied every 2 years on retune fields and every 10 years on the planted fields. No bagging of manure on site, they will be loaded onto the bins and covered with a tar pliant and cleaning of the chicken houses by scrapping and sweeping as well as washing and disinfecting. • <u>Management Plans:</u> Fly control, Vector control, Nuisance control as well as Maintenance Management Plan will be compiled for inclusion in the BAR and to be adhered to during operation. 	JA

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	<p>Impacts Identified to date based on the feedback from the IA&Ps and relevant stakeholders during the previous processes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noise – extractor fans within the houses 2. Dust/Air quality – trucks on the road as well as wood chips burning 3. Odour – from the houses 4. Nuisance - in general and from the chicken broiler 5. Security – During construction and operational phase. 6. Traffic – Additional trucks on the roads. 7. Access - DOT indicated that access would remain at same position. Road upgrades – LN1 LA56. 8. Visual – from Mr Harper’s Road entrance and gravel road 9. Job opportunities – 23 construction and 24 operational 10. Runoff/Stormwater Management – Plan to manage grey water from site, waste water management 11. Layout – compositing site, bagging of manure, cold room for storage of mortalities, 12. Human health 13. Waste – In general 14. Vegetation – Cumberland Crest Ecosystem 15. Graves – potential graves in the area 	
4.	<p>Questions and Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layout Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JA indicated that the layout plan will be included in the Draft BAR for review. • Where will the houses be – 12 houses will be on this site where the meeting is held, along the boundary fence down Dave’s boundary to the bush line and from the reservoir. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How was the decision made that this is the best location for this farm – Is there no other site that will be a better option. JA confirmed that it was based on an assessment of various factors, including the topographical survey of the slopes of the available land. • Legal bush clearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JA noted the issue – December 2021 the Department of Forestry where on site and they confirmed in writing that they are happy with the rehabilitation after the clearing. ○ Concern is that the bush clearing is an ongoing problem. JA noted the issue and will be assessed during the assessment process. • Water issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A pre-application meeting will be held with DWS, during which the water uses will be discussed. This will include the management of waste water, distance from river and tributaries, and extraction from river 	I&AP’s

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requested of affected parties can attend the site meeting with DWS – JA confirmed that the dates of the proposed site visit with DWS will be communicated. ○ Cleaning of the concrete surfaces and related contaminated water, and management thereof – JA confirmed that there is a stormwater management plan that was submitted as part of the previous application – however this plan may need updating based on the discussion with DWS and their requirements, and assessment of the volumes of waste water to be managed on site. ○ Water from the roof cannot be classified as clean water due to the slopes and heights on the roofs. JA responded by stating that this will be incorporated in the updating of the Stormwater Management Plan. ○ A concern was raised that that the dirty water from this site will run onto the adjacent property. ● Previous applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What was wrong with the last 2 application and why is there a 3rd application. HJV confirmed the 1st PPP meeting the EAP wasn't present, 2nd application when Daan was sick and submitted the application and in reviewing the application with the Department numerous questions was raised and Daan's office was unable to resolve the issues raised. ● Sense of place of the area and general concerns raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The main kind of farming in the area includes cane and cattle, and lifestyle farming. Other chicken farms in the area are a lot further away from the Umgeni River. It was queried why were chickens chosen for this site, and a request was made to assess alternative farming and not only chickens. ○ It was stated that the project need to fit the site and not the site the project – and it was raised as to whether the site is fit for the project. ○ 110 Ha and this application is going to affect everyone around this area – not happy that is so close to his farm and entrance. ○ Mr Harper stated that he is not happy with what is being proposed at this site, as he is the neighbour to this site. He is not happy with what is being proposed by Mr Van Vuuren with regards to what he is planning to do at someone's boundary and someone's entrance. Furthermore, you cannot mess with somebody's run off that had it for years, cannot channel water into someone's property and you cannot stop it going into someone's property. ○ What other alternative has been looked at – firstly whey a chicken farm at this location and secondly why at someone's boundary fence – why do you want to destroy a valley. ○ Looking at the feed it is 75m from the river and a water way, and the one below the adjacent farm the owner have 30 – 40 cattle on this land. ○ Cannot believe that KZN Wildlife will support this project – Jacolette confirmed that they did give comments on the previous application, but they will also form part of this application 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a nature reserve downstream – Jacolette confirmed that the site is 1.2km and it is noted. ○ Host qualifying race for Duzi on the farm, and they been testing the water every year when they are doing it – water from the bridge to Cumberland is the cleanest Umgeni water in the area and Mr Van Vuuren is going to destroy it – Jacolette confirmed that water quality is noted. ● Property values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All the farms are a lifestyle farms and carry lifestyle value of years – these farms are used to retire. ● Other impacts during operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The issue of noise impacts during loadshedding when there will be generators on in each chicken house? ○ Road upgrade will need to be assessed, and costs related to it. JA confirmed that this was raised previously, and JA indicated that we will need further assessment on this especially with the further increase in the trucks for delivery and collections. ○ During looting the chicken farms in general were targeted and it was frightening - is there going to be an emergency security intervention – and even without looting what security intervention will be taken. ○ Why chickens and what qualification has the Applicant got to successfully manage the chicken broiler. It has been confirmed that the chickens can only be sold if they are at industry standard. ○ Where do all the dead chickens go? JA responded that all these measures will be part of the assessment. ○ Operational Phase only need 7 staff and it was mentioned that there will be more staff needed. Need clarification – Jacolette will ask Hans to supply his current staff employment and then how it will increase in the construction phase as well as the Operation Phase and compare them to the 7 and 24. ● Process and way forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jacolette informed everyone that all comments raised in the previous application forms part of this application. ○ Addressing of town planning aspects in terms of rezoning for a broiler farm, whether it is still an agricultural land use. JA confirmed that the Municipality is part of the I& AP's, and they will be invited to comment. ○ Timeframes of the process. JA indicated that the draft minutes will be circulated to everyone. These minutes will then –form part of the BAR application. The draft Basic Assessment Report will be distributed as a Draft Report for IA&Ps and government stakeholders for a period of 30 calendar days, after which the report will be updated and it will be submitted to the DEDTEA for decision making. ○ Should the application been given to proceed there is still an Appeal period for 20 Days. 		
19	General Way Forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jacolette thank everyone for attending the meeting and everyone's input and take note of your comments and will make sure that they are captured in the minutes and considered in the process going forward. 	JA

APPENDIX A
ATTENDANCE REGISTER