

## **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Monday, August 31, 2009

Administrative Center – Room 3220

3:30 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Bina, Bob Keil, Beverly Mach, Dennis Manthei (3:36), Marilyn Pedretti

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Don Meyer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Hansen

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Steve O'Malley, Ron Berg, Jeff Bluske, Karl Green, Charles Handy, Bryan Meyer, Gregg Stangl, Mary Meehan-Strub, Margaret Norden, Bill Shepherd, Mike Weibel, Fred Schomburg, Sharon Berger, FSPA, Lucy Slinger, FSPA, Rob Koss, Chris Fechner, Dick Berg, John Lyche

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Vice-Chair Marilyn Pedretti called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 3, 2009, AND SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 3, 2009**

**MOTION** by Keil/Mach to approve Minutes from the regular meeting, June 29, 2009, and the special meeting, August 3, 2009. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manthei, Meyer excused; Hansen absent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested under the agenda item.

### **ZONING PETITION NO. 1819, RICHARD A. BERG; ACTING IN BEHALF OF GAVAGHAN LLC & LARRY, TIMOTHY, INEZ & MARY SEVERSON, TOWN OF ONALASKA**

Jeff Bluske reviewed the public hearing that was held on August 3, 2009, after which the committee deferred action until they heard from the Town of Onalaska. Bluske read the letter received from the Town of Onalaska on August 26, 2009, which stated in part that the Town preferred not to develop the area, and the Town Board's motion to approve the rezoning had failed by a vote of two in favor, three opposed. Bill Shepherd reported that the zoning procedure was not the right procedure in this case. He stated that Sec. 82.10, Wis. Stats., addresses the laying out of town roads, and advised that the county can provide input, but must first have notice from the Town, and the Town will determine whether or not to grant a town road. Richard Berg spoke on behalf of the developers, and stated that the developers planned to bear the cost of road construction. He read a letter to the committee regarding the developer's position.

**MOTION** by Mach/Keil to table Zoning Petition No. 1819, Richard A Berg; Acting in behalf of Gavaghan, Inc., & Larry, Timothy, Inez & Mary Severson, Town of Onalaska. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meyer excused.

### **RESOLUTION: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF THE PLAT OF THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION NATURAL BURIAL CEMETERY**

Bryan Meyer reported that the cemetery plan calls for a natural, "green" cemetery. It complies with state statute. Corporation Counsel was consulted regarding burial of anyone whose death was caused by a communicable disease, and provision has been made in the cemetery plan narrative to disallow that. Discussion was held about identification of burial plots for genealogy purposes. **MOTION** by Bina/Keil for conditional approval of the Plat of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Natural Burial Cemetery. **Motion approved unanimously.** Meyer excused.

### **ACCESS EASEMENT FOR ROBERT KOSS – TOWN OF FARMINGTON**

Bryan Meyer stated that the County requires multiple users of a driveway to have a maintenance agreement. The Town of Farmington has requirements about how the road will be built and maintained. Meyer stated the requirements have been addressed. **MOTION** by Keil/Manthei to approve the Access Easement for Robert Koss. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meyer excused.

### **REQUEST WAIVER OF 100-FT RADIUS CURVE REQUIREMENT ON PROPOSED CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP DRAFTED BY DAVE MALAK IN SECTION 18, T16N, R7W – TOWN OF CAMPBELL**

Bryan Meyer provided a certified survey map, and explained that the La Crosse County subdivision ordinance requires a minimum of a 100 foot radius for road center lanes. In this case, they are seeking to have the requirement waived because it lies within a more urban setting and

slows down traffic. Meyer observed no visibility problems at the site, and also talked to Dennis Osgood, Highway Department, who had no objection. Meyer recommended approval. **MOTION** by Keil/Manthei to approve the waiver of 100-ft. radius curve requirement on proposed survey map drafted by Dave Malak in Section 18, T16N, R7W – Town of Campbell. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meyer excused.

#### **REPORT ON LA CROSSE COUNTY STORM WATER POLLUTION ANALYSIS AND RESULTS**

Gregg Stangl reported that AECOM (f/d/b/a Earth Tech), a private consulting firm, conducted a storm water pollution analysis of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The DNR permit requires that the County determine the amount of storm water pollution from county-owned facilities contributing to pollution in state waters, and to reduce pollution levels by 20% in 2008 and 40% by 2013. Tests showed that pollution has already been reduced by 47%, and La Crosse County will not be required to install any additional storm water management practices to reduce pollution levels, thus saving tax dollars. Discussion was held about the County Highway Department's precautions against allowing sand and salt to enter nearby streams.

#### **REPORT ON URBAN MUNICIPAL STORM WATER WORK GROUP – PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Karl Green reported that the County is required to conduct a public outreach and education program as a condition of the Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System municipal permit. La Crosse County and eight municipalities have combined to form the La Crosse County Urban Municipal Storm Water Work Group. They are developing a web site, and Green showed examples of web pages. The site will be linked with the web sites of water-related activities, recreation, organizations and companies. It will incorporate messages about surface waters for people most likely to use the waters or affect water quality. They plan to showcase people who champion efforts to reduce pollution. They hope to have the web site active in late 2009 or early 2010, and to attract additional funding from other interest groups and organizations.

#### **RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION OF A PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS (PACE) PROGRAM FOR 2010**

Charlie Handy reviewed the presentation on PACE that was given at the August, 2009, meeting. He stated that since the August meeting, he has met with the Village of Holmen, and reported that although they have been opposed, they were receptive and will have further discussion. Handy has talked to both City mayors and to as many groups as possible. Supervisor Manthei asked about the three revenue sources and potential for funding. Handy replied that two sources have been funded, and it would depend on the landowner. He has already had calls from interested landowners. He stated that if the Resolution was approved, the next step would be approval of an Ordinance to establish the County as the local sponsor. Supervisor Mach requested correction of two grammatical errors. **MOTION** by Mach/Keil to Authorize a Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program for 2010, as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meyer excused.

#### **CREATE A LESA COMMITTEE**

Charlie Handy reported that the Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) Committee did not complete the model, and the calibration step would need to be done to set standards for PACE. He estimated four meetings to complete. **MOTION** by Keil/Bina to Create a LESA Committee and to direct the County Board Chair to make seven appointments. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meyer excused.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

2010 budget

#### **RECESS**

**MOTION** by Keil/Mach to recess until the 6:00 p.m. public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meyer excused; Hansen absent. The meeting recessed at 4:48 p.m.

**Approved,** September 28, 2009, Margaret Norden, Recorder