

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

Monday, June 1, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:30 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Meyer, Don Bina, Bob Keil, Beverly Mach, Dennis Manthei, Steven Miller, Marilyn Pedretti, Tina Wehrs

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Jeff Bluske, Bryan Meyer, Gregg Stangl, Margaret Norden, Charles Handy, Karl Green, Nate Sampson, Cheryl McBride, Gary Ingvalson, Matthew Miller, Amanda Miller, David Karl

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

Chair Don Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 3, 2010**

**MOTION** by Pedretti/Keil to approve the Minutes from May 3, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **ACCESS EASEMENT FOR MATTHEW MILLER**

Bryan Meyer explained that the owners have requested an extension to an existing easement, and distributed a map showing existing parcels, a proposed parcel and access easement. He stated that the easement needs to be approved by the Township and that a driveway maintenance agreement should be in place prior to approval. David Karl, the land surveyor whom the Millers have hired to survey the proposed parcel, stated that the current driveway serves three households. Matthew and Amanda Miller would like to create an additional parcel and build a home, and extend the easement 150 feet. Mr. Miller's brother plans to purchase the home in which the Millers currently live. Karl read aloud an email from the Town of Burns Town Board Chair that the Town did not foresee problems with approving, and would prefer to extend the easement rather than create a town road. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the terrain, erosion and soil tests, width of the road and solidity of the road base, accessibility for emergency vehicles and school buses, potential for future development, and consideration of lot size for placement of buildings, wells, and septic. Further discussion was held regarding the Town of Burns application approval timeline, and review of the intersection with State Highway 162 by the County Highway Commissioner and/or State Department of Transportation for the possibility of a turn lane. **MOTION** by Pedretti/Keil to postpone to the June 28, 2010, meeting, contingent upon approval by Town of Burns, review and recommendations by the County Highway Commissioner and/or State Department of Transportation, and fire department review of the maintenance agreement. **Motion carried 5-2.** Bina, Wehrs opposed.

### **UPDATE ON COON CREEK #33 FLOOD PREVENTION STRUCTURE**

Gregg Stangl distributed information from the US Department of Agriculture on aging dams. He pointed out that the State conservationist assigns a priority ranking for each dam. A team of engineers has looked at the structure and taken samples of the bedrock. He will continue to update the committee on the engineers' findings and any recommendations.

### **IMPACTS OF 2010 ACT 314 ON LAND RECORDS MODERNIZATION**

Jeff Bluske provided a handout of Sen. Erpenbach's proposed SB 507 amendments, which was signed into law May 12, 2010, and will go into effect on June 25, 2010. It will prevent viewing social security numbers on land information public records that are accessible on the Internet, establishes a Land Information Council, and also provides that County Land Information offices must submit a report of expenditures made with moneys derived from grants or fees. Projected fee collections would be approximately \$180,000 for the Register of Deeds and \$75,000 for Land Information. Cheryl McBride spoke about her department's work on redacting social security numbers.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LA CROSSE COUNTY APPLICATIONS TO THE WISCONSIN WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM**

The Resolution calls for approval of eight PACE applicants, totaling 1,568 acres. Charlie Handy stated the Farmland Preservation Committee has met twice, and approved the eight applicants in time for the June 1, 2010, deadline. **MOTION** by Pedretti/Mach to approve the Resolution re: Authorization to Support an Application to the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (PACE). **Motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORT ON 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LA CROSSE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2020**

Charlie Handy reported that there have been no formal comments. He recommended proceeding with the first reading at the County Board meeting, but will bring back to committee if there are any formal comments before the first reading on June 17, 2010. **MOTION** by Manthei/Pedretti to proceed with the First Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan 2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None requested.

**RECESS**

There being no further business, Chair Meyer declared the meeting recessed until the public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting recessed at 5:23 p.m.

**Approved,** June 28, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder