

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June 28, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

3:30 PM

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Steven Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jeff Bluske, Bryan Meyer, Gregg Stangl, Margaret Norden, Nate Sampson, Matthew Miller, Amanda Miller, David Karl, Jake Vandenberg, Scott Dunnum, Kathy Schmidt

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Don Meyer called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 1, 2010

MOTION by Manthei/Keil to approve the Minutes from June 1, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

SUPERVISOR CONFERENCE REPORTS

Supervisor Pedretti attended the UW Extension state conference at which Mary Meehan-Strub, UW Extension Family Living Agent for La Crosse County, received a leadership award. Pedretti also brought back an appreciation award for Don Bina for his 10 years of UW Extension service.

UW-EXTENSION WRITTEN REPORTS

UW-Extension staff provided their April-June, 2010, newsletter, and a report on surveys they conducted on two nutrition programs.

REVIEW AND APPROVE COST SHARE AGREEMENT AND BIDS FOR GILL'S COULEE CREEK STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT

Gregg Stangl reported that the total estimated cost of the final stretch located on the Randall P. and Audrey J. Garbers farm of the Gill's Coulee Creek Stream Restoration project is \$149,100, and provided the following breakdown:

Four stream crossings	\$8,000.00
Stream bank rip rap	\$127,000.00
Grade stabilization structure	\$7,000.00
Diversion	\$1,000.00
Waterway Systems	\$2,600.00
Animal Trails and Walkways	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	\$149,100.00

The cost share is as follows: \$104,370 financial assistance from the Department of Natural Resources; \$25,000 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service; \$19,730 from the La Crosse County Environmental Fund. Stangl also provided a breakdown of vendor bids for the restoration project. Vendor bids and totals were as follows:

Lepke	\$95,501.00
Steve Leis	\$96,402.37
Holtz Lime & Gravel	\$117,446.45
Brian Anderson	\$131,384.00

Stangl recommended Lepke as the vendor.

MOTION by Pedretti/Bina to approve the Cost Share Agreement with the Wisconsin DNR, Natural Resources Conservation Service and La Crosse County, and to approve Lepke as the vendor at \$95,501.00 for the Gill's Coulee Creek Stream Restoration Project on the Randall P. and Audrey J. Garbers Farm. **Motion carried unanimously.** Miller excused. Stangl will provide a report on sedimentation measurements and improvements when the project is completed.

ACCESS EASEMENT FOR MATTHEW MILLER BY DAVE KARL

Bryan Meyer read aloud the letter he sent to Matthew and Amanda Miller that outlined the concerns the PRD committee listed at the June 1, 2010, meeting that they wished to have addressed before approval of the Millers' easement request:

1. Approval by Town of Burns
2. Driveway maintenance agreement
3. Maintenance agreement reviewed by emergency services, and emergency services review of driveway base to ensure it will support emergency vehicles
4. Clarification of access off Highway 162 with Wisconsin Department of Transportation and La Crosse County Highway Commissioner
5. Detailed sketch showing arrangement of parcels, driveway and easements

The Millers provided handouts of their responses regarding all the above concerns, and also provided letters from their lending bank and their neighbors that they are aware of the maintenance agreement and have no objections.

Jeff Bluske distributed a list of his recommended conditions to the committee:

1. This easement is approved for expansion to include the new home for Matt & Amanda Miller only.
2. No more homes or parcels are allowed on this easement until it's built to town road specifications even though the Town of Burns may not accept it.
3. The graveled portion of the easement shall be widened to accommodate the passing of two (2) vehicles.
4. The shed constructed in the easement shall be removed immediately by the owner with an application for an after-the-fact Zoning/Occupancy permit.
5. The metal shed on the Jason Miller parcel shall be removed or moved with an after-the-fact Zoning/Occupancy permit.
6. A driveway maintenance agreement shall be recorded indicating all four (4) parties using the easement will perform immediate maintenance, snow plowing and perform erosion control measures.

Discussion was held regarding the road width and the potential of having more drivers using the driveway in coming years. Further discussion was held regarding removal of the sheds which would allow more road width, and disallowing further homes until the driveway was built to town road specifications. **MOTION** by Wehrs/Manthei to approve the easement request of Matthew and Amanda Miller with five conditions (numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6, but not number 3). **Motion carried 5-2.** Pedretti, Mach opposed.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT OF SECOND ADDITION TO ROCKLAND CEMETERY

The Resolution states that the Town of Burns had the Second Addition to the Rockland Cemetery re-platted. Scott Dunnum, who surveyed the cemetery, said that it became apparent to officials with the Town of Burns that the lot configuration as originally laid out would not work. Bryan Meyer stated the order to vacate the previous plat has to go through circuit court, and the Town of Burns attorney is waiting for a court order. **MOTION** by Manthei/Pedretti to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of the Replat of Second Addition to Rockland Cemetery, contingent upon circuit court approval of vacating the first plat. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO FORM AD-HOC ASSESSMENT REFORM STUDY COMMITTEE

The Resolution would authorize a study committee to collaborate with municipalities in La Crosse County to study the cost savings that could be derived from having a full-time assessment district. Jeff Bluske reported that assessment reform will happen, but there is no final decision from the State and whether they will approve consortiums of several municipalities that contract with a private company. Since the final process is uncertain, a study committee would not have adequate information at this point regarding costs, which could include assessor salary and benefits, retraining and certification, other staff costs, and computer and/or software purchases. Discussion was also held regarding the make-up of a study committee. **MOTION** by Manthei/Wehrs to disallow the Resolution and wait to see what the State allows. **Motion carried 5-2.** Pedretti, Mach opposed.

RESOLUTION RE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN'S OFFICE OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE'S 25X25 VISION

The Resolution supports the County's interest in joining the Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership to generate 25% of the County's electricity and 25% of its transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025, and to become a community partner with the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence. It supports long-range planning to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and rely instead on wind, solar and biomass power. Supervisor Pedretti reported that the Resolution must first be adopted by local governments to access State grants funds, and that it was carried by the Sustainable La Crosse Commission. The Commission is meeting with County departments regarding their sustainability goals and each department would have a policy to work toward. **MOTION** by Pedretti/Keil to approve the Resolution Re: A Resolution Supporting the State of Wisconsin's Office of Energy Independence's 25X25 Vision. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

MOTION by Pedretti/Manthei to recess until the 6:00 public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m.

Approved, August 2, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder