

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

Monday, August 2, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

3:30 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Meyer, Bob Keil, Beverly Mach, Steven Miller, Marilyn Pedretti, Tina Wehrs (3:34 p.m.)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Don Bina, Dennis Manthei

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Jeff Bluske, Bryan Meyer, Gregg Stangl, Charlie Handy, Margaret Norden, Nate Sampson, Jim Dalton, Karl Green, Greg Yakle

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

Chair Don Meyer called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 28, 2010**

**MOTION** by Pedretti/Keil to approve the Minutes from June 28, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bina, Manthei, Wehrs excused.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **SUPERVISOR CONFERENCE REPORTS**

None reported.

### **REVIEW THE STORMWATER WEBSITE**

Karl Green provided an overview of [www.lacrossewaters.com](http://www.lacrossewaters.com), which is an online educational resource for contractors, developers, and others regarding storm water issues. He said La Crosse County and eight urban municipalities formed the La Crosse Urban Storm Water Group, and are cooperating to reduce storm water runoff to area streams and rivers. They will be submitting a story to the *La Crosse Tribune* and plan to promote the website via newsletters and brochures.

### **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JJR & ASSOCIATES AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HARBOR PLAN UPDATE**

The Resolution authorizes an ad hoc steering committee to work on a Harbor and Waterfront Plan for the City of La Crosse and La Crosse County, and to select JJR & Associates as the consultant. The Resolution also addresses transfer of \$33,000 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance, to be added to \$12,000 in the 2010 budget, as La Crosse County's share of the Professional Services Agreement. Steve O'Malley pointed out that no funds relate to La Crosse County property taxes, but are from revenue set aside over several years for the purpose of a waterfront plan. Chair Meyer and Karl Green took questions about the geographical area that the waterfront plan will encompass. **MOTION** by Pedretti/Mach to approve the Resolution re: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with JJR & Associates and Transfer of Funds for Harbor Plan Update. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bina, Manthei excused.

### **DISCUSS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ON THE LAKE ONALASKA REHABILITATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Pedretti reported that Supervisor Burke is stepping down from representing La Crosse County on the Lake Onalaska Rehabilitation District Committee. Chair Meyer noted that representation has usually come from the Planning, Resources & Development Committee; Supervisor Burke, as a Lake Onalaska resident, was an exception. He called for any interest from the committee, and Supervisor Wehrs volunteered to serve. **MOTION** by Meyer/Keil to nominate Tina Wehrs to the committee membership on the Lake Onalaska Rehabilitation District Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bina, Manthei excused.

### **ACT ON COUNTY BOARD AND TOWN OF MEDARY RECOMMENDATION FOR ZONING PETITION NO. 1846 BY MARY SCHEEL – TOWN OF MEDARY**

Jeff Bluske provided copies of a Town of Medary Resolution to extend the Town's time to respond to an amendment of the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance, and a letter from the Town of Medary Chair that outlined the following conditions for accepting a "rezone" request:

- To allow for short and long term residential rentals
- Continued use of the home as a full service beauty salon

- And construction of a two-story office building.

Bluske stated that Mary Scheel requested that the conditions be removed from the petition, but the Town added them back on. He recommended passing the petition subject to the Town of Medary's conditions. Chair Meyer indicated that the County Board referred the petition back to committee, apparently due to Supervisor Richmond's opposition to a storage building on the site. Discussion indicated the Scheel petition was on a condominium plat with no storage units. Therefore, there was no need to address storage. **MOTION** by Meyer/Wehrs to approve the County Board and Town of Medary Recommendation for Zoning Petition No. 1846 by Mary Scheel – Town of Medary. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bina, Manthei excused.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE TIMBER CUT BIDS FOR HOETH FOREST**

Gregg Stangl presented the following bids for harvesting 400 cords of red pine and 60 cords of white pine, pursuant to the Hoeth Forest Timber Harvest Schedule 2010-2020, as developed by Jim Dalton, DNR Forester:

QTY.	DESCRIPTION	Jelinek Trucking		Lambert Forest Products		Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc.	
		UNIT PRICE/CORD	AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE/CORD	AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE/CORD	AMOUNT
400	Red Pine	\$42.31	\$16,924.00	\$49.40	\$19,760.00	\$56.75	\$22,700.00
60	White Pine	\$42.31	\$2,538.60	\$49.40	\$2,964.00	\$34.60	\$2,076.00
			\$19,462.60		\$22,724.00		\$24,776.00

Stangl said that any stump needs to be treated for root rot, and Jelinek Trucking did not have the equipment to do so. Stangl recommended Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc. Jim Dalton spoke about his experience with Biewer, and stated they are well-suited to conduct a harvest. **MOTION** by Pedretti/Keil to approve the bid by Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc., for timber cuts in Hoeth Forest. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bina, Manthei excused.

**APPROVE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE PROJECT AGREEMENT**

Gregg Stangl reported that the agreement is with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to conduct and pay for geologic exploration of Coon Creek Structure #33, which has reached its 50-year lifespan. They will assess the integrity of the structure to help make decisions about its future. The estimated cost of the investigation is \$25,245.00, with a maximum amount of \$55,000.00 reimbursable expenses. **MOTION** by Mach/Pedretti to approve the Natural Resources Conservation Service Project Agreement. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bina, Manthei excused.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE COST-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH OLDENBURG FARM**

Gregg Stangl provided a copy of a contract to install a barnyard runoff control system on the Oldenburg farm. As a provision of the cost-share agreement, they must be in compliance with state agriculture performance standards and prohibitions. Since the barnyard runoff goes to Gills Coulee Creek, the Oldenburgs must address the problem. The Gills Coulee Creek Project funds can only be used to correct soil sediment issues. To deal with the animal waste runoff issue, the Department of Land Conservation will use Soil and Water Resource Management Grant funds provided by DATCP to cost share the installation of the barnyard runoff control system. The agreement is for \$19,800.00, of which 70% would be State funded and 30% County funded under the Environmental Fund Program. **MOTION** by Keil/Pedretti to approve the cost-share agreement with Oldenburg Farm. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bina, Manthei excused.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Membership in WLWCA
- Need for zoning petitions to go to townships before County Board

**RECESS**

**MOTION** by Pedretti/Wehrs to recess until the 6:00 public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bina, Manthei excused. The meeting recessed at 4:16 p.m.

**Approved,** August 30, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder