

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, February 27, 2012

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Meyer, Don Bina, Beverly Mach, Marilyn Pedretti, Tina Wehrs

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bob Keil; Dennis Manthei

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Bryan Meyer, Gregg Stangl, Charlie Handy, Nate Sampson, Gary Ingvalson, Mary Meehan-Strub, Mike Weibel, Greg Yakle, Annette Kirchhoff (Recorder)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 30, 2012

Motion by Pedretti/Bina to approve with one correction by Supervisor Pedretti to the Business Meeting minutes as follows:

RE: IN SUPPORT OF ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND GOALS IN THE REGULATION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING: In the first sentence the word statement should be changed to read policy.

5 Aye, 0 No, 2 Excused (Keil, Manthei). Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERVISOR CONFERENCE REPORTS

Beverly Mach made a comment in regard to the Annual Report of the Historic Sites Commission. There was a reference to an ordinance that they were reevaluating. Beverly will not be here next year, but is hoping that there is work done on this ordinance to get a little more punch to it. These things get accepted as Historic Sites but there is no power to enforce them as historical sites so people can't sell them or tear them apart.

Don Bina reported that there will be a Conservation and a Mississippi River meeting in La Crosse on the 27th and 28th of March (dates may not be correct) downtown someplace. This would be a good meeting to go to talk about conservation.

Handy stated that he would find that agenda and email it to the committee members.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)

MOTION by Bina/Pedretti to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Board of Adjustment minutes of February 13, 2012
- b. Historic Sites Annual Report
- c. Sustainable La Crosse Commission Minutes of January 30, 2012

REVIEW AND APPROVE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Gregg Stangl explained the content of the Annual Report.

Discussion on water quality and elevated phosphorus levels in county-wide streams. The discussion included ways to prevent or improve those levels. Also the number of farms in the Farmland Preservation Program that must meet ag performance standards as well as funding cuts and how they have impacted the process.

No action taken.

RE: COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, A DIVISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION

Mary Meehan-Strub introduced the Resolution to the Committee. She listed ways that the cooperation between UW-Extension the County has improved the community. She also let committee know of some events happening throughout the year to commemorate this event.

Motion by Wehrs/Mach to approve.

5 Aye, 0 No, 2 Excused (Keil, Manthei). Motion carried unanimously.

RE: APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A HALFWAY CREEK AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AREA

Charlie Handy introduced the Resolution. Explained that this had been approved last year however for a number of reasons the petition never solidified and was submitted so the land owners would like to submit it again this year. The deadline is March 31, 2012. Boundaries of the Ag Enterprise areas have changed requiring a new Resolution. The amendments are very minor. Mr. Handy handed out three copies of maps identifying the boundaries. There was discussion on benefits to the individuals and to Agri-Businesses.

Motion by Bina/Mach to approve.

5 Aye, 0 No, 2 Excused (Keil, Manthei). Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Gregg Stangl made a request to make a presentation at the next meeting in regard to the Conservation Compliance portion of the Farmland Preservation Program.

Nate Sampson proposed monthly updates to the Committee to keep them up to date on progress with the Towns in regard to the new zoning ordinance and the adoption of ordinance by the Towns.

Nate Sampson stated that there would be no update on the Frac Sand Mining until probably the April 30, 2012 meeting.

RECESS

MOTION by Pedretti/Meyer to recess until the 6:00 p.m. public hearing.

5 Aye, 0 No, 2 Excused (Keil, Manthei). Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 5:03 p.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Annette Kirchhoff, Recorder