

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, April 30, 2012

Administrative Center – Room 3220

3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Pedretti (Chair), Tina Wehrs, Richard Becker (Excused from 3:56 p.m. to 5:13 p.m.), Dave Holtze, Peg Jerome

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Londre, Marlane Anderson

STAFF & GUESTS: Nathan Sampson, Charlie Handy, Gregg Stangl, Bryan Meyer, Steve O'Malley, David Lange, Cheryl McBride, Mary Meehan-Strub, Jeff Brudos, Ray Ebert, Maureen Freedland, Lois Meinking, Annette Kirchhoff(Recorder)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 2, 2012

MOTION by Holtze/Becker to approve the Minutes of April 2, 2012.

5 Aye, 0 No, 1 Absent (Londre). Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUPERVISOR CONFERENCE REPORTS

Supervisor Pedretti explained to new members the purpose of this agenda item and then gave a brief presentation about her trip to Washington D.C. at the expense of The Wisconsin Association of County Extension Committee (WACEC). She went out for the three (3) day conference to represent the State of Wisconsin and issues of cooperative – UW-Extension. Informed the committee that for every one dollar (\$1) the Federal Government has invested in Cooperatives; six dollars (\$6) comes back to the State and County Cooperatives.

Supervisor Pedretti welcomed new members of the Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)

MOTION by Holtze/Becker to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items.

5 Aye, 0 No, 1 Absent (Londre). Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Board of Adjustment minutes of March 19, 2012
- b. Farmland Preservation/PACE Committee minutes of March 15, 2012

WACEC DISTRICT 5 ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 8, 2012

Mary Meehan-Strub was not yet in attendance. No objections to hold this item until she arrived.

Mary introduced herself and explained the flyer in their packets on "Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees, Inc." (WACEC). Mary explained what would be involved in the District 5 Annual Meeting and how to make arrangements by May 23, 2012 to take part in the meeting. Karl Green, from La Crosse County UW-Extension Office will be making a presentation on Frac Sand Mining at the District Meeting. Mary then handed around a copy of information about the State WACEC Conference which is also in June on the 24th, 25th and 26th, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Deadline for this conference is also May 23, 2012.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2012 SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANT CONTRACT

Gregg Stangl introduced himself and his position/duties with La Crosse County to the new members. Gregg Stangl explained that grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) offsets staffing costs for implementing state mandates and for cost share assistance to landowners for conservation practices. Stangl reported that grant amounts have been reduced statewide. The Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association is forming an advisory committee to investigate alternative funding sources. Discussion ensued on ways to deal with the shortfalls in budget and staffing issues.

MOTION by Jerome/Holtze to approve the 2012 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract.

5 Aye, 0 No, 1 Absent (Londre). Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion moved back to item number 5.

APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE PR&D COMMITTEE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE WESTERN AREA LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Gregg Stangl reported that the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association and Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees recently merged. The merged association is divided into eight area associations with each having a board of directors. A PR&D committee member would represent La Crosse County on the area association board, and could be nominated to the state board of directors to represent the area association. Committee and staff discussed deadlines, counties involved in the association, options and volunteers to serve on this board. Committee requested some time before appointing a member. It was decided that Chairperson Pedretti would appoint a committee member to serve on the board in the next couple of weeks.

MOTION by Holtze/Becker to have the chair appoint a member.

Committee went into discussion on experience or history for appointee of the Association.

5 Aye, 0 No, 1 Absent (Londre). Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF TLD HOLDINGS IN THE TOWN OF CAMPBELL

Bryan Meyer presented the preliminary plat for TLD Holdings and gave the committee an overview of the plat approval process in La Crosse County. The property will be subdivided in three parcels. No new roads are proposed. He recommended approval.

MOTION by Becker/Wehrs to approve the Preliminary Plat of TLD Holdings in the Town of Campbell.

Charlie Handy explained that, through a Memorandum of Understanding, the municipalities have formed an Extraterritorial Subdivision Review Technical Advisory Committee, who serves on the committee and the purposes of that committee.

5 Aye, 0 No, 1 Absent (Londre). Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Pedretti requested that it be shown in the record that Mr. Becker is excused.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON TOWNS' ADOPTION OF REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE

Staff has continued its work with getting as much information as possible to the towns on the update of the revised zoning ordinance. Plans are to meet with Town of Washington on the 8th of May at their town board meeting to discuss the ordinance. There was an email sent out including copies of documents that could be educational for those towns. Some towns have asked for a draft resolution and staff has sent that out to the towns that have requested them. Plans for setting up public hearing will begin when we find out what level those towns are at as far as consideration of adoption. Committee has discussed the option of doing two (2) different public hearings for map amendment, maybe one in July/August and one after the one year period.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON DETACHED ACCESSORY BUILDING LIMITATIONS

UPDATE COMMITTEE ON MINOR CORRECTIONS TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Nathan Sampson distributed a four (4) page informational handout with some examples of language that is being considered to address this issue. Nate then proceeded to explain to the new committee members our role in Farmland Preservation Zoning Districts prior to the Working Lands Initiative. Committee discussed options for dealing with problems arising from the new language and requirements for ag. buildings and land and dealing with non-conforming issues.

Discussion ensued on which options were best and which ones would be more complicated and how these new conditions and rules on disrepair and replacement of buildings would get out to the farmers. Nate recommended press releases and flyers. Discussion was also pursued on Act 170. Discussion ensued on legality and timing of amending the language of the new zoning code prior to adoption. Suggestion of an Attorney General opinion on if you make an amendment, does that restart the year was brought up by Supervisor Ebert (guest). Corporation Council, David Lange suggested he needed time to look into it and work with staff on drafting language on whatever option(s) committee wants to go with. Feedback from towns and a copy of Act 170 was requested. General consensus on how the committee would like the staff to proceed is to have this go back out to staff to prepare options and different scenarios; then brought back to the committee one more time before a decision is made. Suggestion was made by Supervisor

Wehrs to have the Towns Association Representative's in attendance get together and invite this Committee (PR&D) to a listening session from them.

STANDARDS FOR APPEAL OF DECISIONS HEARD UNDER S. 3309 OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 33 REGULATION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

Corporation Council, David Lange submitted a handout on the Appeal Standards and Guidelines for the Committee to review under section 33.09, County Code of Ordinances. Time was taken to look over that proposal. After significant discussion, the Committee felt the process should include a formal public input opportunity with notification to the appropriate town, county board member and residences within 150 feet. Corporation Council, Lange, will redraft for committee approval with that direction.

Motion by Wehrs/Pedretti to accept the Appeal Standards and Guidelines with the addition of item 3D language as discussed.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

3 Aye (Pedretti, Wehrs, Jerome), 1 No (Holtze), 1 Excused (Becker), 1 Absent (Londre). Motion carried.

Supervisor Holtze would like to see actual language.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN LA CROSSE AND BUFFALO COUNTIES

Nate Sampson opened the discussion on "Municipal Services Agreement". La Crosse County would provide an interim service to Buffalo County until such time as they have someone on board that is credentialed to issue permits and do on-site inspections of various septic systems and waste water systems. Estimated time period is 2-3 months. Sampson went on to explain that it is a revenue source and a chance to learn and get experience on Frac Sand mining. Mr. O'Malley went on to explain that the time Mr. Sampson would be gone from the office would be no more than one (1) afternoon a week (4-5 hours).

Committee then went into discussion on staffing issues, the fact that zoning staff is already short one full time person, and other various pros and cons of taking this on. Mr. O'Malley explained that time constraints on Mr. Sampson would be minimal and that either county would have 5 days to terminate the contract. Discussion then went on to errors and omissions insurance and who would be held responsible for damages.

Motion by Jerome/Holtze to accept this Agreement with the contingency that we revisit it monthly.

3 Aye (Pedretti, Jerome, Holtze), 1 No (Wehrs), 1 Excused (Becker), 1 Absent (Londre). Motion carried.

Supervisor Becker returned at 5:13PM

UPDATE AND SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS FOR ZONING AND PLANNING DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Mr. O'Malley gave an update on the Director position. Position was advertised with a little less emphasis on GIS and Property Listing end of things. Position has been advertised twice; this time we received fifteen (15) applicants and narrowed the first interview candidates to five (5). Planning Resources and Development Committee chair and the most senior member (Supervisor Wehrs) were invited to participate in the first interview process. Finalists are not public information.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set up a meeting for next Monday, May 7th at 5:30 P.M., for a special Planning Resources & Development just on meeting times and dates at the Solid Waste Department.

Compare calendars for interviews for Director position.

RECESS

MOTION by Werhs/Holtze to recess until the 6:00 p.m. public hearing.

5 Aye, 0 No, 1 Absent (Londre). Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Approved as amended on 6/4/12.

Annette Kirchhoff, Recorder