

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, July 30, 2012

Administrative Center – Room 3220

5:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Pedretti (Chair), Tina Wehrs, Richard Becker, Peg Jerome, Andrew Londre, Robert Sandman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dave Holtze, Ray Ebert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF & GUESTS: Nathan Sampson, Charlie Handy, Gregg Stangl, Bryan Meyer, Sharon Hampson, Steve O'Malley, Annette Kirchhoff(Recorder)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 30, 2012

MOTION by Becker/Wehrs to approve the minutes with two (2) corrections to change number of Ayes from 4 to 5 on the items for Farmland Preservation and Motion to Recess.

6 Aye, 0 No, 2 Excused (Holtze, Ebert). Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion from committee and staff on which items FSA Representative Robert Sandman should vote on. Consensus was that Sandman should have a vote on anything brought to the committee by the Land Conservation Department, or that includes farmland preservation and similar agricultural land use issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERVISOR CONFERENCE REPORTS

Supervisor Jerome reported that she attended 4-H camp, which is an Extension Program, from June 30th to July 2nd, as an adult volunteer. Commented on how excellent the program was. Supervisor Jerome also reported that she attended the fair every day and it seemed very successful. Supervisor Wehrs commented that the dairy numbers were way down and horse numbers were way up at the fair.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)

MOTION by Wehrs/Jerome to accept the consent agenda.

6 Aye, 0 No, 2 Excused (Holtze, Ebert). Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Sustainable La Crosse Commission minutes of May 24, 2012

UPDATE ON FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT COMPLIANCE

Stangl gave a power point presentation on the Farmland Preservation Program. Stangl explained where La Crosse County is at this point in the Farmland Preservation Program and how to prepare for future deadlines coming up. Stangl gave a brief explanation of how and why the Farmland Preservation Program came into effect, how the program benefits participating farmers as well as the county, how the payments to farmers are calculated and what farmers have to do to come into compliance with the program. All participants need to be in compliance by December 31, 2015. Stangl answered questions from the committee.

LONG-TERM STREAM WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM PROPOSED CHANGES

Stangl gave a power point presentation on the proposed changes to the Long-Term Stream Water Quality Monitoring Program. Presentation was given to update the new committee members on the process. Stangl also expressed his desire to move the test site from Dutch Creek, which already has a monitoring station installed, to another site. He proposed the following as future testing sites: Burns Creek, Neshonoc Creek and Bostwick Creek, and gave some reasons why he would like to move the site, explained the process of collecting the samples, why they test, what they look for, site selection criteria and answered questions from the committee. Supervisor Pedretti requested more information on why the test site should be moved.

ORDINANCE RE: AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE S.31.06 ENTITLED "FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN" AS PART OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2007-2027 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Handy presented the Ordinance to the committee and asked for recommendation from this committee.

Motion by Wehrs/Sandman to recommend approval of the ordinance to create the "Farmland Preservation Plan" as part of the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan, 2007-2027.

6 Aye, 0 No, 1 Excused (Holtze, Ebert). Motion carried unanimously.

COULEE VISION 2050

Handy explained the hand out entitled "Coulee Vision - A long term plan for growth and transportation in the La Crosse - La Crescent Region 2050" to the committee. Handy explained the different scenarios, the possibility of significant policy debate and answered questions from the committee. Handy emphasized the importance of public input into this process, pointed out the difference public input opportunities, as laid out in the handout, and invited the committee to participate through future updates and the on-line survey.

UPDATE ON TOWN PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW ZONING ORDINANCE

Handy gave a handout with an overview on what staff has accomplished as far as outreach on the zoning ordinance. Towns of Holland and Washington have already adopted. Handy has met with the planning commission of the Town of Shelby 2 or 3 times since January of 2012. Towns of Onalaska and Burns have requested a presentation by staff. Handy sent a letter regarding detached accessory structures in late May and has received zero response from the towns. Discussion, comments and questions from the committee ensued.

UPDATE ON PRE-EXISTING BUILDINGS

Handy stated that he covered this in the last agenda item and that the two (2) scenarios that were approved at the May meeting were sent to the towns. No feedback from the towns has been received at this time. Handy recommended this be done as a minor text amendment after January. The committee can recommend approval of one before then. Discussion, comments and questions from the committee ensued. Committee consensus was to move it on to the August agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update on Pre-Existing Buildings and conditional use permits for expanding ag facilities.

RECESS

Motion by Becker/Jerome to recess at 6:03 p.m.

6 Aye, 0 No, 2 Excused (Holtze, Ebert). Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:03 p.m.

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