

Planning & Zoning Committee

Planning Meeting

February 12, 2010

PRESENT: Supervisors Brennand, Diakoff, Egan, Thomson, Sievert. Jerry Bougie, Brian O'Rourke, Kathy Larson, Eric Rasmussen.

EXCUSED: Supervisor Sievert.

1. Minute Approval – January 4, 8, 22, & 26, 2010.

Motion by J. Sievert to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by C. Thomson. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Potential Sanitary Ordinance Amendment.

E. Rasmussen explained his memo which detailed a possible sanitary ordinance amendment which would allow the installation of holding tanks for properties that host large events, such as EAA and Country USA. Currently the type of private sanitary system that can be installed is strictly dictated by the results of a soils test. He also stated that the applicant for the amendment would be the EAA, but staff would be working in conjunction with them on crafting the proposed language of the amendment.

T. Egan expressed concern that a property that would have a potentially large holding tank installed would at a future time no longer be used for the event.

E. Rasmussen stated that the new language would address those situations in order to eliminate abandoned systems.

The Committee members stated that staff should proceed with developing the language for the amendment in order to review at a future meeting.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

3. Farmland Preservation Program Issues: a) Status of Town Input in relation to future of the program in Winnebago County; b) Discussion and potential committee action on resolution to delay conversion fee for rezones out of Exclusive Ag.

A) J. Bougie stated that he received some responses from Town's regarding his letter requesting a statement regarding their position on the new farmland preservation program. The responses ranged from supporting the program, no

opinion on the program, and requesting further information on the new program. It was his opinion that Town's feel that they don't have enough information and/or understanding of the new program to provide a solid opinion on the matter.

T. Egan stated that on March 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., a number of Town's would be meeting at the Rushford Town Hall to discuss the new program, and that Martensen & Eisele would be in attendance to provide a presentation.

J. Bougie stated that County Planning & Zoning staff would be in attendance as well.

B) J. Bougie explained the draft resolution that was authored by the County Planning Directors which requests delaying the conversion fee requirement of a rezoning of property out of exclusive ag, until after that County has developed and adopted a new farmland preservation plan.

Motion to support the draft resolution and forward said resolution to the County Legislative Committee by J. Diakoff. Seconded by T. Egan. Motion carried 5-0.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

4. Update on revision of County Zoning Ordinance Project.

B. O'Rourke stated that staff had met with Tim Schwecke of Civi Tek Consulting and discussed the remainder of the new text of the proposed zoning ordinance. He explained that there would most likely only be two or three more Steering Committee meetings to discuss the text, which would take place at the end of February or early March. In late spring or early summer staff would then meet with Tim again to begin the map revision portion of the project, which a possible first public hearing to be conducted in late fall or early winter. He also mentioned that due to Winnebago County's deadline to complete its new farmland preservation plan being December 31, 2011, that both the zoning ordinance re-write and new farmland preservation plan projects would be overlapping.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

5. Discussion and potential action on application for state DNR grant to update County Zoning Ordinance to include the new NR115 (shoreland zoning) provisions.

J. Bougie stated that grant monies were available to be applied for to assist in the ordinance modification to include the new NR115 language. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2010, with a state cost share of \$5,000, which would also require the County to provide at least \$1,667 in match.

Motion for Winnebago County to apply for the grant by T. Egan. Seconded by J. Sievert. Motion carried 5-0.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

6. Report on Outagamie County Airport overlay issue.

J. Bougie stated he and Cary Rowe, Zoning Administrator had attended a number of meetings in Outagamie County regarding their discussions on adopting and/or expanding the airport overlay district. It was unclear at this point as to if and when that action would take place.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

Motion by T. Egan to adjourn. Seconded by J. Sievert. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

Brian O'Rourke – Recording Secretary