

Planning & Zoning Committee

Planning Meeting

September 10, 2010

7:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Supervisors, Diakoff, Egan, Thomson, Brennand, Sievert. Jerry Bougie, Brian O'Rourke, Kathy Larson, Eric Fowle – East Central Regional Plan Commission, Dave Albrecht – Winnebago County Board Chairman.

1. Minute Approval – August 9, 13, 27, 31, 2010.

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

2. Request support for EPA Brownfield Assessment Application – East Central Regional Planning Commission.

E. Fowle briefly explained the program and stated that ECRPC had applied for but did not receive the grant in 2009. After a debriefing with EPA staff the Commission has decided to resubmit its project for 2010 in a slightly modified format, and are again asking for the County's support. He also stated that the project would be 100% funded by the EPA.

D. Albrecht and the Committee expressed concern with the potential burden to property owners that would result in the discovery of new sites not currently listed on the Department of Natural Resources list of contaminated properties.

E. Fowle stated that the grant application could be amended to state that only no new contaminated properties would be addressed with the proposed project. However, an amended grant application would most likely not be completed in time to apply in 2010.

Motion by T. Egan to not support the grant application. Seconded by J. Diakoff. Motion carried 4-0-1 (C. Thomson abstained).

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

3. Update on Farmland Preservation Planning Project.

B. O'Rourke stated that four regional kick-off meetings had taken place and had good question and answer discussions at each meeting. The first two steering committee meetings for this project would take place at the end of September and beginning of October, and four additional regional meetings would be taking place in early November.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

4. Update on Comprehensive Revision of Zoning Ordinance Project.

J. Bougie stated that he had contacted various town officials to discuss the possibility of adopting the revised zoning ordinance at the same time as the new farmland preservation plan. There was no opposition given by the individuals he spoke to. He reiterated that adopting the new zoning ordinance and farmland preservation plan concurrently would be less confusing to individuals and be simpler from a logistical standpoint. This agenda item would also be on their October Planning meeting agenda for a formal vote by Committee.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

5. Discussion on Court Reporter for Public Hearings & Deliberatives

J. Bougie stated that Karen Frederick, the current court reporter for the Committee, would no longer be working for the Board of Adjustment or the P & Z Committee. A replacement has been found, and Karen will also be filling in on an as needed basis.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

Motion by J. Sievert to adjourn. Seconded by C. Thomson. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

Brian O'Rourke – Recording Secretary