

Planning & Zoning Committee
PLANNING MEETING
County Administration Building – 3rd Floor Conference Room
March 9th, 2018
7:45 A.M.

PRESENT: Supervisors Tom Egan, Larry Kriescher, Claud Thompson, Maribeth Gabert, Robert Keller. Jerry Bougie – Planning Director, Brian O’Rourke – Associate Planner, Cary Rowe – Zoning Administrator.

1. Minute Approval – January 30th (Public Hearing), February 9th (Deliberative), February 9th (Planning Meeting), February 23rd (Viewing), & February 27th (Public Hearing).

Motion to approve all minutes by R. Keller. Seconded by M. Gabert. Motion carried 5-0

There was no further discussion of this item.

2. Discussion and possible committee action on status of Farmland Preservation Plan as a result of meeting with State DATCP officials on February 15th, 2018.

The Committee and staff reviewed the conversation that took place in the meeting with DATCP, during which they stated that they could not certify the County’s Farmland Preservation Plan based on its administrative review criteria. They also commented that each individual Town could develop a Farmland Preservation Map, submit it to the County for approval, and the County could resubmit the amended Plan and Map for certification.

B. O’Rourke stated that because of DATCP’s administrative review criteria for determining to certify a County’s plan, it is clear that based on the Farmland Plan and Maps current form Winnebago County’s Plan will not receive certification from DATCP. He also stated that County Board has already adopted the Plan, therefore the County has met its statutory obligation. He also reiterated that the only way the County could get a Farmland Plan certified is by placing the majority of property owners whose property is shown as “Agriculture” on the County Comprehensive Future Land Use Map, into the Farmland Preservation Plan Map, without their consent or knowledge, which staff still does not recommend. He recommended that staff send a letter to each Town making them aware that DATCP has indicated they could draft a map on their own, but still must be submitted by the County to DATCP for certification, with a deadline of October 1st, 2018 for submittal to the County.

The Committee directed staff to send the above referenced letter and that no further action be taken by County staff with regard to the Farmland Preservation Plan and Map.

There was no further discussion of this item.

3. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. Gabert. Seconded by L. Kriescher. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 A.M.

Brian P. O'Rourke, AICP – Recording Secretary