

## **FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tina Wehrs; Mike Dummer; John Lautz; Keith Valiquette; Mike Weibel; Marilyn Pedretti

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Ilona Hansen; Deena Murphy; Don Bina

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Charles Handy; Gregg Stangl

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** 10:30 by Chair – Tina Wehrs

MOTION Pedretti/Weibel To approve minutes

Motion carried

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME** – Everybody went around the room and introduced themselves.

### **REPORT ON DATCP DECISION ON PACE APPLICATIONS**

Discussion on Charlie's handout on how La Crosse County scored compared to other counties; which counties scored the highest, which counties scored the lowest, why they scored the way did and how the committee feels DATCP can improve the program by altering their scoring criteria and including all geographic areas of Wisconsin.

### **APPROVE CORRESPONDENCE TO DATCP**

Discussion/Questions on letter prepared by Charlie for DATCP.

Discussion topics included:

- Ways to improve the scoring process;
- Including all regions of Wisconsin instead of focusing on one region so process is more equitable;
- Goals of the program;
- Improving our scores
  - Planning/Zoning
  - Boundary Agreements – does Township have Boundary Agreement?
  - Qualitative Questions – ways to improve the end product – should staff get involved?
  - Development Pressure
  - Ecological services

**MOTION Dummer/Pedretti to forward an amended letter to PACE council and staff (Lisa Schultz) sharing our concern/dismay about the outcome of the program and what we would like to see next year on scoring criteria – make suggestions on what to add as scoring criteria.**

**6 aye – 0 no – 3 excused (Hansen, Murphy, Bina)**

(Charlie asked to skip item 5 and go to item 6 on agenda)

### **RESOLUTION: RE: A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE PREPARATION, REVIEW, AND ADOPTION OF A FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN FOR LA CROSSE COUNTY**

State Statute requires that when you are amending a Comprehensive Plan you do a minimum level of public participation activities. One thing that needs to be done is to adopt a public participation plan. The Plan outlines how we will carry out a minimum of these public participation activities to adopt the Farmland Preservation Plan.

**Motion Weibel/Valiquette to approve resolution adopting Public Participation Plan**  
**6 aye – 0 no – 3 excused (Hansen, Murphy, Bina) motion carried.**

## **GOAL SETTING EXERCISE: UPDATE OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN**

Discussion on goals (Charlie's handout) adopted in the comprehensive plan in 1980 – should they be amended, added to or subtracted from?

General consensus is to take a look at the goals adopted in the comprehensive plan and make suggestions for amendments at next meeting.

## **SET UP NEXT MEETING**

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday (tentatively) at 10:30 again.

**Motion Pedretti/Dummer to adjourn**

**6 aye – 0 no – 3 excused (Hansen, Murphy, Bina) motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM