

## **FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 18, 2011

County Administrative Building – Room 3220 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

4:01 PM – 4:51 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilyn Pedretti; Don Bina; John Lautz; Mike Weibel & Keith Valiquette

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Tina Wehrs, Ilona Hansen, Mike Dummer & Deena Murphy

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Charles Handy

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** 4:01 PM by Vice Chair – Marilyn Pedretti

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 16, 2011 MEETING.**

**Motion Bina/Weibel to approve minutes from June 16, 2011 Meeting.**

**5 aye – 0 no – 4 excused (Wehrs, Hansen, Dummer, Murphy) – Motion Carried.**

### **REVIEW/APPROVE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN/PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT AND RESOLUTION .**

Question and answers on the Farmland Preservation Plan.

Discussion on minor changes made from previous document to the most recent document.

Discussion on whether or not to remove the "Conversion Fee" paragraph from the top of page 5-6. General consensus was to take it out and amend the plan at a later time if it is reinstated.

Discussion on basic corrections/clarifications to document. Page 5-7, First paragraph last word TDR's16 & Item 6 "Right-to-Farm Laws" 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph nuisance20 and fiber21; and Page 6-4 on the last bullet "On-farm energy production" 3<sup>rd</sup> line should be "Tomah, WI has" not Has.

Two more maps coming that are not completed yet.

Quick walk through of the Implementation Chapter (6).

Discussion on Action Plan on page 6-7.

Email term status of committee members along with Farmland Preservation scheduling.

**Motion Weibel/Valiquette to approve the Resolution RE: Approval of the Farmland Preservation Plan for the Update of the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan.**

**5 aye – 0 no – 4 excused (Wehrs, Hansen, Dummer, Murphy) – Motion carried unanimously.**

### **PROPOSE SCHEDULE FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

Charlie asks if any of the committee members would like to come and help make a presentation to the Planning, Resources and Development Committee on August 29 starting at 4PM – meeting should be done by 5:30PM.

Scheduled, tentatively, a public hearing for Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 6PM for the public to come in and look at the county's county wide Zoning Ordinance, Farmland Preservation Plan and potentially Sign Ordinance and the Flood Plain Ordinance. Then a 30-day comment period from the 20<sup>th</sup> of September meeting before it could be acted on by the County Board; then it will be brought right back to the October meeting of the Planning, Resources and Development Committee for recommendation to the County Board which meets October 20.

With committee's adoption of the Resolution, Charlie will take it to DATCP with a request for certification along with the County Zoning Ordinance.

**Motion Weibel/Bina to adjourn at 4:51 P.M.**

**5 aye – 0 no – 4 excused (Wehrs, Hansen, Dummer, Murphy) – Motion Carried.**

*The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.  
Charles Handy, Recorder*