

## **FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 16, 2012

County Administrative Building – Room 3112 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

4:00 PM – 5:20 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tina Wehrs, Keith Valiquette, Mike Weibel, Ilona Hansen, Rollie Bogert, John Lautz, Marilyn Pedretti

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Deena Murphy, Steve Doyle

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Jonathan Kaatz, Gregg Stangl, Nathan Sampson

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** 4:00 PM by Chair – Tina Wehrs

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 15, 2012 Meeting.**

**Motion by Weibel/Lautz to approve minutes from March 15, 2012 Meeting.**

**7 Aye, 0 no, 2 Excused (Murphy, Doyle) – Motion Carried.**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND BRIEF ORIENTATION.**

Supervisor Wehrs welcomed new member Rollie Bogert, and indicated that Steve Doyle will be serving on the Committee but is not present at this meeting. Bogert gave a brief introduction of himself and why he wanted to serve on this committee.

**UPDATE ON AG ENTERPRISE AREA DESIGNATION FOR THE HALFWAY CREEK PRAIRIE AEA.**

Stangl gave a brief description of what an Ag Enterprise Area is, how it got started and what needs to take place to have land designated as such. There 500,000 +/- acres designated right now statewide.

Questions and discussion on Ag Enterprise areas by the committee and staff ensued.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADMINISTERING CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION PARTICIPATING LANDOWNERS.**

Stangl gave a presentation on Conservation Compliance Activities for the Farmland Preservation Program which is the same presentation given to all the Farmland Preservation Program participants. Stangl explained when and why the program started, what participants need to do to comply with the program, what types of land they are trying to preserve and benefits to the individual participants of the program. Stangl asked that this Committee agree to review cases that are non-compliant prior to the PR&D Committee Meetings due to time constraints on the PR&D Meetings. Committee requested notification of landowners that are in compliance and those that are close to compliance and those that not in compliance at all.

Questions and discussion on Farmland Preservation Program by committee and staff ensued.

**Motion by Valiquette/Weibel to review non-compliance cases before they go to PR&D.**

**7 Aye, 0 no, 2 Excused (Murphy, Doyle) – Motion Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

**Motion Weibel/Lautz to adjourn at 5:20 P.M.**

**7 Aye – 0 No – 2 excused (Murphy, Doyle) – Motion Carried.**

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