

FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

County Administrative Building – Room 3220 – 3rd Floor

3:30 PM – 4:52 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tina Wehrs, Mike Weibel, Rollie Bogert, John Lautz, Marilyn Pedretti

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Deena Murphy, Steve Doyle, Ilona Hansen, Keith Valiquette

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Charlie Handy, Gregg Stangl

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 3:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 16, 2012 Meeting.

Motion by Pedretti/Lautz to approve minutes from August 16, 2012 Meeting.

5 Aye, 0 no, 4 Excused (Murphy, Doyle, Hansen, Valiquette) – Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT STANDARDS FOR EXPANDING LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS.

Handy started the discussion referring to a handout regarding the debate of 200 vs. 500 animal units and the land conservation compliance requirements. Committee discussed the pros and cons of both numbers at length as well as the costs of coming into compliance to expand and the fact that Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) are very limited, if not non-existent. Issues regarding water quality, phosphorous levels, other areas that affect conservation compliance, ways to improve practices already in place and ways to increase participation were also discussed. Questions from committee were answered by Stangl and Handy.

ADMINISTERING CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION PARTICIPATING LANDOWNERS

The committee approved and agreed to administer land conservation compliance activities for La Crosse County at the last meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the members of the Farmland Preservation participating landowners, how to get more farmers to participate in the program, enforce compliance issues and the deadlines that need to be met for farmers to come into compliance.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS FOR 2013-2014

Consensus of Committee was to hold this agenda item over until the February meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DATES

- Farmland Preservation Committee Goals and Action items for 2013-2014
- Next meeting February 21, 2013 at 3:30

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pedretti/Bogert to adjourn at 4:52 P.M.

5 Aye, 0 No, 4 Excused (Murphy, Doyle, Hansen, Valiquette) – Motion Carried.

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