

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114

Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kilkenny at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors Hawkins, Kilkenny; and Citizen Member Burwell. Supervisor Ingersoll, and USDA/FSA Representative Henningfeld were absent with excuse. A quorum was declared.

County staff present – David Bretl, County Administrator; and Louise Olson, Deputy Director, LURM, and Wendy Boettcher, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance – Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair.

Approval of the Agenda – **Supervisors Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Discussion /Possible Action- Resolution for the Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan and Grant Award was presented by Louise Olson. Olson reported that a County Farmland Preservation Plan was required under § Chapter 91. This is part of the State's *Working Lands Initiative Program*; however, this is to develop the Farmland Preservation Plan and to receive grant dollars. This is not the plan itself that would or would not include the other components of the PACE/ Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements and the AEA/ Agricultural Enterprise Area. This is to move forward in the development of the county's Farmland Preservation Plan based on the approved existing Smart Growth Plan. The Farmland Preservation Plan is required for all counties and must include the farmland components of all the cities, townships, and villages respective land use plans. The contractual agreement was approved for content by Administrator David Bretl. Finance Director Nicki Andersen recommended the resolution should include a statement indicating no additional funds would be appropriated with the utilization of existing staff and office support. Administrator Bretl indicated that the Finance Committee would not have to vote on this resolution since no additional funding would be requested. **On motion and second by Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins to approve Resolution **-03/10 Authorization to Approve Farmland Preservation Plan Development and Accepting the Farmland Preservation Grant Award to include the recommendation of Finance Director, Nicki Andersen as stated above. Motion carried 3-0.**

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:06 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.**

Submitted by Wendy Boettcher, Recording Secretary. Minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.