

**Walworth County Land Conservation Committee
And Land and Water Resource Management Plan Public Hearing**

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

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Walworth County Board Room 114
Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kilkenny at 4:33 p.m.

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

County staff present –Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use & Resource Management (LURM); Louise Olson, Deputy Director, LURM; Neal Frauenfelder, Planner, LURM.

Also in attendance –. Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair, Greg Igl, USDA, David Bretl, Walworth County Administrator.

Approval of the Agenda – **Supervisors Hawkins and Burwell moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of the Minutes - **Supervisors Hawkins and Ingersoll moved and seconded approval of the January 18, 2010 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Amendment to the Regional Water Quality Management Plan - Mr. Frauenfelder gave a brief explanation of the process behind sewer service amendments. The DNR and SEWRPC retain authority over sewer service amendments. SEWRPC noticed the public hearing for this petition and the hearing will take place this Thursday, February 11, 2010. This is our opportunity to provide input for this request. Mr. Frauenfelder reviewed the SEWRPC documents and Area A is for residential use and Area B is for commercial use. The current capacity at the Genoa City Plant is at 60% capacity and the additions will not exceed this capacity. Mr. Frauenfelder reviewed this proposal with the Walworth County Plan. The LCC action is advisory but any comments shared by the LCC will be transmitted to SEWRPC to be read into the record at the Thursday public hearing. Mr. Frauenfelder reviewed this proposal with the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. This amendment is consistent with the county plan. Mr. Frauenfelder addressed flood plain concerns in his letter to Mr. Junker of SEWRPC. Mr. Frauenfelder found that the proposal matches the park and open space plan, there are no critical species habitat areas in the proposal but there are wetland areas within this amendment area. These wetlands should be identified on any future plat.

Supervisors Ingersoll and Hawkins moved to approve sending Mr. Frauenfelder's letter to the SEWRPC public hearing on February 11, 2010 and also recommend approval of the sewer service amendment to the County Board. Motion carried 4 – 0.

WLWCA Dues and Special Assessments Louise Olson informed the committee that the original dues were \$1501.34 for the WLWCA dues with a special assessment of \$800.00 for a total of \$2301.34. This additional money is needed because of lack of grant funding to the state organization. Ms. Burwell stated that the lobbying efforts are worthwhile and that other counties suggested an increase of \$800 at the WLWCA December 2009 Conference.

Supervisor Burwell and Hawkins moved to increase the dues by \$800. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Sugar-Honey Creeks Priority Watershed Final Report - Ms. Olson explained the final report of the Sugar-Honey Creeks Priority Watershed. Ms. Olson briefly explained the goals and objects of this grant program. This report concludes this project and explains what Walworth County has achieved. No action is required.

DATCP Correspondence Regarding SWRM Grant Requirements - Ms. Olson informed the committee that DATCP provided a letter which explained conflict of interests between committee members and staff who would participate in receiving cost sharing dollars through state grants and the need to waive any conflicts of interest. No action is needed correspondence placed on file.

Resolutions Supporting Delayed Implementation of Farmland Preservation Rezone Conversion Fee - Mr. Cotter reported several resolutions from various counties throughout the state that are trying to delay the collection of “Conversion Fees” related to rezoning of A-1 farmland to another zoning district. Committee members felt that it was too premature to place action on this item at this time. **Supervisor Hawkins and Burwell moved to place resolutions on file. Motion carried 4-0.**

Next Meeting/Public Hearing Date – Monday, February 15, 2010, 1:30 p.m. at Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell, Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:55p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

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