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Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

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Monday, May 16, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114
Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order by LCC Chair Kilkenny at 1:30 p.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors Kilkenny, Hawkins, Grant, and Citizen Member Burwell. USDA/FSA Representative Sue Bellman was absent, excused. A quorum was declared.

County staff present – David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use & Resource Management (LURM); Louise Olson, Deputy Director, LURM; Fay Amerson, Urban Manager, LURM; Neal Frauenfelder, Sr. Planner, LURM; Matt Weidensee, Associate Planner; Deb Grube, Sr. Zoning Officer LURM; and Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance – Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair; Greg Igl, USDA NRCS

Approval of Agenda – **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Grant moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2011 LCC Meeting – **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Grant moved and seconded approval of the minutes with a correction to capitalize attendee Dave Held's last name. Motion carried 4-0.** Discussion followed. Nancy Russell corrected her comment made during the public hearing phase of the April 25, 2011 meeting. Chair Russell said she would endorse the plan with suggestions regarding a portion of Section 7, Policy Considerations, “*Should the Farmland Preservation Plan recommend further consideration of the following uses currently permitted as a conditional use in an A-1 District within an agricultural zoning district?*” Chair Russell said the ● Bottling of Spring Water, ● Schools and Churches, and ● Flea Markets were previously excluded as part the Farm Family Business principal uses in the Farmland Preservation Plan, and will remain as conditional uses. Chair Russell then suggested also removing ● Production of animal and marine fat and oils and ● contractor’s storage yards from principal uses and have them remain as conditional uses. **The motion was then modified by Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Grant to reflect County Board Chair Russell’s changes. Motion carried 4-0**

Farmland Preservation Town of Bloomfield Request - LURM staff reiterated the town of Bloomfield’s proposal to have some areas of A-1 land in Bloomfield removed from the proposed Farmland Preservation areas in Walworth County. **Supervisors Grant and Hawkins moved and seconded to only honor removal of Bloomfield parcels that correlate and are consistent with the Walworth County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Comp Plan) and the Bloomfield Comprehensive Land Use Plan.** Discussion followed about remaining areas consistent with the adopted comprehensive land use plan and standards set forth in the Farmland Preservation Plan for identifying farmland preservation areas. Regarding parcels that include more than one planning category, where a portion of the proposed parcel to be removed from the mapped farm preservation area meets with the Comp Plan and a portion does not, the following applies: The committee directed staff that when dealing with existing sub-standard parcels that have two planning

categories, to utilize a 50% rule, i.e., if more than 50% is in a development or non-farmland category already, take the whole parcel out of the mapped farm preservation area. For standard size parcels, strictly follow the underlying land use category. Mr. Frauenfelder said he could draft a map to show the Bloomfield changes. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Farmland Preservation Plan Revision Plan Adoption – Louise Olson said due to the Bloomfield motion the Farmland Preservation Plan Revision could not be adopted at this time. **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins moved and seconded to hold adoption over until Mr. Frauenfelder provides additional information of the ramifications of Bloomfield's changes. Motion carried 4-0.**

Supervisor Grant left the meeting briefly at 2:06 p.m.

Communication from the Town of East Troy regarding the golf course at the Rainbow Springs property – Michael Cotter said unless the DNR secretary decides to proceed, no action is necessary and the letter can be placed on file..

Langlade County Resolution #36-211 – Oppose the Provisions of AB 40 that call for elimination of PACE and Farmland Protection Conversion Fees - **Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded tabling the resolution for one month until June meeting. Motion carried 3-0.**

Price County Resolution #14-11 related to NR-115 complexity - **Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded to place the resolution on file. Motion carried 3-0.**

Supervisor Grant returned to the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Resignation of Roy Lightfield as county representative to the Honey Lake Management District - **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins moved and seconded to table the Lightfield resignation and replacement recommendations for one month until the June meeting. Motion carried 4-0.**

Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 20, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Supervisor Hawkins and Grant, Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

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