

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

MINUTES

Monday, June 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114
Elkhorn, WI 53121

The LCC Meeting/Second FPP Public Hearing was called to order by Chair Kilkenny at 2:00 p.m.

FPP Second Public Hearing – Louise Olson said after the first Farmland Preservation Plan Revision was sent to DATCP they had additional recommendations. After meeting with DATCP, the LURM staff addressed the additional recommendations and the plan is now coming back to the LCC. Also included in the revised plan was Table (3.3) which is 2010 data just received for 2010 from the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). It reflects an increase of 6,052 acres which is primarily due to Turtle Valley Wildlife Area and more accurate wetland inventory/identification of wetlands. Better skill in delineating surface water also increased that amount to 707 acres. The hearing was opened to the public for comment. No members of the public chose to speak at the hearing. **Supervisor Schiefelbein and Vice-Chair Russell moved and seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.**

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors, Kilkenny, Russell, and Schiefelbein and Citizen Member Badame. 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; and Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance – Marilee Holst, Geneva Lake Conservancy; Tom Oasen, USDA, FSA; and Greg Igl, USDA, NRCS.

Approval of the Agenda – **Supervisor Schiefelbein and Vice-Chair Russell moved and seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of the Minutes – **Supervisor Schiefelbein and Citizen Member Badame moved and seconded approval of the May 14, 2012 minutes with correction to Supervisor Schiefelbein's official title. Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comment – none

Walworth County Farmland Preservation Update – Louise Olson submitted highlighted copies of changes and a draft resolution. **Vice-Chair Russell and Citizen Member Badame moved and seconded to approve the Farmland Preservation Plan with changes mentioned and the resolution approving the Farmland Preservation Plan update. Motion carried 4-0.**

Walworth County Farmland Preservation Ch. 26 Ordinance Amendments – Louise Olson said a Ch. 26 ordinance amendment and public hearing for the Farmland Preservation update is necessary prior to it going on to Walworth County Board. **Vice-Chair Russell and Supervisor Schiefelbein moved and seconded to proceed next month (July) to update the Ch. 26 Ordinance Amendment and have a public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.**

Groundwater and Geneva Lake Summary – Louise Olson said the summary is good information and is related to the Lake Management Planning Project Grant Application.

ACE and Farmland Protection Commission Meeting Invitation – Michael Cotter said McHenry County is inviting the LCC to exchange ideas about Agricultural Conservation Easements and farmland protection. Nancy Russell added it would be in our best interests to go, since McHenry County and Waukesha County affects our deep aquifer. Mr. Cotter will post the meeting notice.

Lake Management Planning Project Grant Application – Louise Olson said if awarded the grant, we would be using existing staff and resources for implementation. She provided a draft resolution and fiscal note. The Lake Management Planning Project Grant Application is due to WDNR August 1, 2012. **Vice-Chair Russell and Supervisor Schiefelbein moved and seconded to approve the draft resolution supporting the Lake Management Planning Project Grant Application. Motion carried 4-0.**

Next Meeting Date – Monday, July 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Supervisor Schiefelbein and Vice-Chair Russell, Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at 2:29p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

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