

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

MINUTES

Monday, May 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114

Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order by LURM Director Michael Cotter at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors, Kilkenny, Russell, and Schiefelbein. USDA, FSA Representative Sue Bellman was absent, excused. A quorum was declared.

County staff present – 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 Joann Douglas, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance – Marilee Holst, Geneva Lake Conservancy, Rosemary Badame

Approval of the Agenda – **Vice-Chair Russell and Supervisor Schiefelbein moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.**

Approval of the Minutes – **Vice-Chair Russell and Supervisor Schiefelbein moved and seconded approval of the April 23, 2012 LCC meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comment – none

LCC representative to the SE Area Land and Water Conservation Association Louise Olson said the seven county reorganization SE Area Meeting will be held on June 13, 2012 – **Vice-Chair Russell and Supervisor Schiefelbein moved and seconded to, if approved by the County Board on June 12, appoint Rosemary Badame as the LCC Representative to the Southeastern Area Land and Water Conservation Association. Motion carried 3-0.**

Walworth County Lake Districts 2012 Appointments - Louise Olson provided a list of everyone interested in lake district appointments including LCC, Walworth County supervisors, and citizens. **Supervisors Russell and Schiefelbein moved and seconded that the LCC make a recommendation that those on the list be sent to the County Board for approval. Motion carried 3 -0.** LCC Vice-Chair Russell also said she was very pleased to see that four county board supervisors have taken on lake district responsibilities.

Walworth County Farmland Preservation Update – Louise Olson said that Deb Grube, Neal Frauenfelder and she spoke with DATCP representatives in Madison on May 2. DATCP agreed to accept the Comprehensive Land Use Plan map and the A-1 soils listed on it (and classification of soils, I, II, and III) with multi-zoning jurisdictions per tax parcel. This was the sticking point of their acceptance of our Farmland Preservation Plan. She was told that the plan did not have to be re-certified by corporation council. There are a few minor points to be included that still need to be addressed. Ms. Olson has worked with the GIS Division of the IT Department and they now have all our maps in compliance with state requirements. Ms. Olson forwarded the maps to the DATCP representative who received acceptance. We will be scheduling a Public Hearing/LCC Meeting on June 18, 2012 to enable us to go forward with the Farmland Preservation Plan.

Decision for Nonmetallic Mining in Walworth County Farmland Preservation Area – Louise Olson said one of the criteria was to address the nonmetallic mining lands that were initially A-1 and being converted to nonmetallic mining designation. At that time there was a conversion fee. The state has removed the conversion fee for A-1 land converted into another zoning designation. This negates the need for another zoning district of A-1M. Neal Frauenfelder said the original A-1M designation was to assure the land would be rezoned back to A-1. That has been fixed with conditions on a conditional use permit for mineral extraction and having applicants prepay the rezone application fee for mineral extraction, which the towns prefer. **Vice-Chair Russell and Supervisor Schiefelbein moved and seconded leaving our current system in place whereby it takes a rezone to put in a nonmetallic mining operation and the petition for rezone back to agricultural be a part of that, as stated by Neal Frauenfelder and removal of the A-1M zoning category. Motion carried 3-0**

Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Vice-Chair Russell and Supervisor Schiefelbein Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at 2:25p.m. Motion carried 3-0.**

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