



Washington County

Planning and Parks Department

Land and Water Conservation Division

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Public Agency Center - Room 3005

Draft Minutes

4/21/2010

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Mr. Gonnering, Washington County Board Supervisor. It was noted that the news media was contacted and the affidavit was read and posted in the County Clerk's office.

Those present included the following:

Citizen Advisory Committee Members (CAC)

Member	Affiliation
<i>Joseph Gonnering, Chair of Citizen Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Washington County Board Supervisor & Town of Trenton Chair & Town of Trenton Plan Commission</i>
<i>Ross Bishop, Vice-Chair of Citizen Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Washington County Farm Bureau & Resident of the Town of Jackson & Washington County Farmer</i>
<i>George Muth</i>	<i>Washington County Farm Bureau & Washington County Farmer & Resident of the Town of Farmington</i>
<i>Brian Russart</i>	<i>Milwaukee County Parks/UW-Extension, Resident of Village of Slinger</i>
<i>William Ripp, PE</i>	<i>City of Hartford Engineer</i>
<i>Shawn Graff</i>	<i>Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, Executive Director & Resident of Village of Slinger</i>
<i>Roger Walsh</i>	<i>Big Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District & Town of West Bend Resident</i>
<i>Karl Glunz</i>	<i>Friess Lake Advancement Association & Resident of the Village of Richfield</i>
<i>Kevin Dittmar</i>	<i>Milwaukee Metropolitan Builders Association</i>
<i>Other Agencies/County Staff</i>	
<i>Wendy Fiala, Soil Conservationist</i>	<i>USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service</i>
<i>Michelle Lehner, Agricultural Waste Specialist</i>	<i>Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</i>
<i>Gary Korb</i>	<i>SEWRPC-UWEX</i>
<i>Deb Sielski, Deputy Administrator</i>	<i>Washington County Planning & Parks Department</i>
<i>Jill Hapner, PhD</i>	<i>Washington County LWCD*</i>
<i>Scott M. Schmidt, PE., R.L.S.,</i>	<i>Washington County LWCD</i>
<i>Paul Sebo, Senior Technician</i>	<i>Washington County LWCD</i>
<i>Stephanie Hofmann, CCA, Project Technician</i>	<i>Washington County LWCD</i>
<i>Paul Backhaus, CCA, Project Technician</i>	<i>Washington County LWCD</i>
<i>Fay Fitts, Administrative Secretary</i>	<i>Washington County LWCD</i>

Mr. Josh Odekirk, USDA-NRCS had a conflict and could not attend the meeting. Mr. Russart, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Muth arrived late for the meeting.

Approve Minutes 04/07/10

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the minutes dated 04/07/10; the motion was seconded by Mr. Ripp. Mr. Korb noted a correction on page 4 of the minutes under Erosion Control & Stormwater Management Ordinance (Chapter 17) – language should be corrected to read: *Local municipalities will be requested to amend their ordinance to match the Washington County ~~counties~~ model for consistent code language throughout the county.*
Motion carried to approve the minutes of 04/07/10 with the correction noted as stated above.

Review updates and edits to Chapter 4

Mr. Sebo reviewed the handout presented to the committee members regarding the proposed changes to Chapter 4. He noted specific changes to the Transect Survey table (*see Attachment #1*). Mr. Sebo recalculated the 1999 and 2005 data using the RUSLE2 model soil erosion rates. He stated that the new figures for conservation tillage and no till practices is almost half of the original figures. Mr. Sebo re-verified the original figures as correct and that over the years no till acres have been increasing (even when there has been less hay), yet the total soil loss/erosion rate has increased. In 1999, transect survey results reflected that approximately 32,000 acres were planted in corn, 19,000 acres were planted in soybeans and 11,000 acres were planted in grain. In 2005, transect survey results revealed an increase in corn by approximately 3,000 acres; a decrease in soybeans by approximately 2,000 acres and an increase in grain by approximately 6,000 acres. Discussion ensued on whether the 2005 high market commodity price of wheat influenced the number of acres being planted in grain; a factor normally associated with less erosion. Mr. Sebo noted that when wheat is added to a crop rotation of corn and soybeans the erosion rate should decrease. Mr. Sebo further explained that in 2009, transect survey results indicated that 37,000 acres were planted in corn, 20,000 acres were planted in soybeans and 14,500 acres were planted in grain. Staff also stated that conservation tillage 30-50% residue figures have been consistent throughout the years, noting a switch from conventional to no-till and clean, clear fields. Mr. Sebo stated that throughout the multi-year transect comparison study; factors regarding weather and economic conditions need to be taken into account. **Discussion ensued on expanding the footnote in the table and /or chapter text to better explain and include further information in regards to the data value discrepancies and evidence of farming trends.** Mr. Sebo noted that this model is intended for sheet and rill erosion, not gully erosion values.

Mr. Graff motioned to approve the changes as presented in Chapter 4, and to authorize staff to include any further research and/or revisions needed to Chapter 4; seconded by Mr. Walsh. Discussion ensued regarding whether to delete the two rows in the table regarding total soil loss from croplands at or below “T” and above “T” values. Further discussion revealed that the values may be arbitrary numbers noting the soil loss or deposition values do not necessarily reach the surface waters or wetlands. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Gonnering stated that they would like to see the history of the data remain in the table. Mr. Muth felt the opposite, stating that if it’s not a true representation or realistic value it should not remain in the table. Dr. Hapner noted that other Counties may be contacted, along with DATCP to determine if there is a better way to interpret the data history which may chart a trend or to determine the data’s relevance. Mr. Sebo recommended deleting the two rows or adding a footnote to the table indicating that this soil loss value does not include deposition to surface waters or wetlands and that the values in a field may not always be delivered to surface waters or wetlands. Ms. Sielski recommended that Mr. Sebo further describe the soil loss value table information and calculations in the chapter text rather than in the footnote, inserting more descriptive language after the following: “... soil movement from the fields to wetlands and surface waters”. It was agreed by consensus to include additional chapter language to further explain the transect survey table soil loss values /calculations as stated and recommended by Ms. Sielski. **Motion carried.**

Review updated and edits to Title Pages, Table of Contents and Glossary

Dr. Hapner noted that draft Acknowledgements; Table of Contents; Charts, Tables, Maps and Figures and Glossary pages had been distributed for the committee to review (*see Attachments #2-5*). Mr. Gonnering requested that the Town of Trenton, Chair be added along with his titles.

Mr. Muth motioned to approve any additional needed changes, including formatting to the document Title pages, Table of Contents, Glossary and other draft document Chapter text as presented; seconded by Mr. Ripp. Motion carried.

Review revisions to Draft Plan

Dr. Hapner presented another Acronym list and two new program descriptions (Stewardship Incentive Program and the Land & Water Resource Management Program *see Attachments #6-7*) for the committee to review. Mr. Glunz recommended grouping each of the programs by category (Federal/State/Local), then alphabetically within each group list.

The committee agreed by consensus to proceed to review each of the draft Chapters in detail. The following major additions/changes and deletions were discussed. To be consistent (as with other County Plans) this document will not contain italics when referencing Tables/Chart/Maps/Figures; Acronyms will be spelled out at the beginning of each Chapter and then abbreviated thereafter.

Chapter 1

Page 1 – ...plans must be updated every five years. ~~for counties to be eligible for state conservation staff funding.~~

Chapter 2

Page(s) 6 & 7. Mr. Glunz questioned the difference between racial origin and ethnicity. Ms. Sielski noted that she will include additional language noting the difference between origin and ethnicity and how the census defines Hispanic origin will also be included in the Chapter. Ms. Sielski will further define the US Census and the American Community Survey in the Chapter text. Ms. Sielski will also check into the Sources listed regarding Tables 3 and 4.

Chapter 3

It was noted that Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will be changed to WDNR after the first reference is made.

Page 33. Mr. Bishop questioned if the statistics reflects number of farms are owned or rented farms in Washington County. Ms. Sielski will double check the number.

Page(s) 55 & 56. Mr. Russart had noted that Legends on Maps 16 & 17 reflect incorrect Table references (numbers 43 & 45 respectfully) both Map Legend Tables should be changed to reflect reference to Table 17.

Chapter 4

Previously Approved.

Chapter 5

References to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will be changed to WDNR.

Page 97. Working Lands Initiative

Page 99. Mr. Gonnering noted that under General Zoning, it references general zoning is in effect in the unincorporated areas of the County which includes all of the Towns in the County. County zoning authority in these Towns is limited to shoreland-wetland overlay zoning, floodplain overlay zoning, and subdivision review. Mr. Gonnering recommended that additional language be included noting that all the Towns have the right to their own zoning on all the parcels within their Township. Ms. Sielski will include language from the Comprehensive Plan regarding Mr. Gonnering's recommendation to include further explanation on Town Zoning.

Page 102. Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) Conservation Compliance (Chapter 15)

Chapter 6

Page 105. Line Spacing to be included after Lending Resource Library and Website

Chapter 7

Page 112. Mr. Backhaus suggested changing the word CAFOs - Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (operations over 1,000 animal units) to AFOs - Animal Feeding Operations. Discussion ensued on the terms and whether to include the C for Concentrated. Ms. Lehner will research the term AFOs and its definition. It was recommended to add language in the text regarding the term(s) decided upon.

Page 119. Mr. Graff requested to include the Land Trust under two areas in the work plan objective table - 8. Promote identification, control and management of invasive plant and animal species – Assist with the development and efforts of the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium & Distribute information to the public related to invasive species identification, control and management.

Page 120. Ms. Lehner will check into who has jurisdiction regarding sod farms. The corresponding agency will also be included in the table.

Page(s) 126 & 127. Mr. Graff recommended that the Land Trust be included as an Agency under 2. Develop a targeted buffer program to effectively augment existing programs. Work with the local organizations and the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust.

Chapter 8

Page 129. Kevin Dittmar questioned the 5% staff annual cost increases for salary and benefits as described in Table 27. Mr. Walsh noted that the figures reflect an across the board 5% salary/benefit increase, noting that the percentage is an average estimate over 5 years. Ms. Sielski stated that it is always better to overestimate than to underestimate, noting that the projected figures in the table were derived from historic figures and that health insurance costs have skyrocketed over the past years. Mr. Graff suggested adding a footnote to better clarify the 5% projection, recommending the following language: Figures include 5% annual cost increases for salary and benefits, based on historic trends over the last 5 years. It was agreed by consensus to include the language as noted above.

Chapter 9

Page 132. Dr. Hapner noted that additional language was added to the draft– Invasive species populations will continue to be mapped in the county and land managers will be advised on management techniques.

Page 133. Dr. Hapner also noted that additional language was added to the draft– Data received through our new residential well water testing program will be stored in a geodatabase and analyzed to reveal possible problem areas.

Page 134. Tables 22 and 23 will be changed to black text.

Page 136. Appendix A: Includes new formatting for Best Management Practices

Mr. Walsh motioned to approve all the changes as noted in the draft plan chapters as presented and discussed; seconded by Mr. Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval: Recommendation of Draft Land & Water Resource Management Plan – 2nd Revision 2011-2015 to the Land Conservation Committee

Mr. Graff motioned to recommend the approval of the draft Land & Water Resource Management Plan – 2nd Revision 2011-2015 and forward the draft to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Department of Natural Resources, the USDA Farm Service Agency, and the Washington County Land Conservation Committee for their preliminary review and comments; seconded by Mr. Ripp. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hapner reviewed the timeline regarding the preliminary plan review process with the committee members (*see Attachment 8*). Dr. Hapner noted that after the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection;

Department of Natural Resources and USDA Farm Service Agency review the draft, their comments may be incorporated into the draft. With all final changes made the plan is then referred to as the Final Draft Plan and then referred to the Washington County Land Conservation Committee for their review. An informational meeting / public hearing is tentatively scheduled in June. Based upon the public comment and Land Conservation Committee's decision, the final draft plan will then be placed on the Land Conservation Committee's agenda in July. Following Committee approval, the Plan will be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board's review and approval (August). Washington County Board of Supervisor review, approval and adoption is anticipated in the fall of 2010 (Sept/October).

Public Comment

Dr. Hapner noted that the Land & Water Conservation Division and Planning Division staff has been a great team to work with on the plan revision. Dr. Hapner thanked the committee members for their time and expertise. Mr. Ripp thanked the county staff for assisting with the development of the plan. Mr. Gonnering also expressed his thanks to the staff, noting that "the staff goes above and beyond and that the staff is "always there to try to help". Mr. Bishop noted that the staff is an ally to producers.

There being no further business, Mr. Bishop motioned to adjourn; Mr. Graff seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fay Fitts
Recording Secretary