

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
**MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**  
**AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT WORK GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Baldus at 7:05 p.m. at the Public Agency Center in Room 1113A/B. Those present included:

**Work Group Members Present:**

David Baldus, Vice-Chairperson.....	Town of Polk Citizen
Melvin Ewert.....	Washington County Board Supervisor – PCPC
Mary Krumbiegel.....	Washington County Board Supervisor
Robert Bingen.....	Town of Addison
Joe Peters.....	Town of Barton
Paul Metz (Alternate).....	Town of Germantown
Ike Roell.....	Town of Farmington
Daniel Schmidt.....	Town of Kewaskum
Albert Schulteis.....	Town of Polk
Kieth Kriewaldt.....	Town of Wayne
Andy Pesch.....	Village of Kewaskum
Michael Heili.....	Village of Newburg
Rod Bartlow.....	Ice Age Trail Foundation
Kevin Dittmar.....	Metropolitan Builders Association
Helmut Wagner.....	Town of Erin
Sue Millin.....	Land Conservation Partnership
Ross Bishop.....	Agribusiness Cluster Council
Stan Blawas (Alternate).....	Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

**Excused Members:**

Marilyn John, Chairperson.....	Town of Trenton
Norbert Dettmann.....	Landmarks Committee
Dale Dhein.....	Town of Germantown
Richard Beine.....	Town of Hartford
Roger Walsh.....	Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

**Staff:**

Deb Sielski..... Assistant Administrator for Planning  
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Nancy Anderson..... Chief Planner  
SEWRPC

Paul Sebo..... Senior Technician  
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Josh Glass..... Planner  
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Todd Roehl..... Planner  
SEWRPC

Kelly Hahm..... Administrative Secretary  
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

**Others in Attendance**

Maurice Strupp  
Betsy Gillen  
Alan Linnebur  
Leander Herriges  
Dan Spies

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Call Meeting to Order/Review Agenda

Baldus called meeting to order and reviewed agenda items.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Approval of January 10, 2007 Minutes

**Motion by Heili, seconded by Millin to approve the January 10, 2007 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Update on LESA Analysis Progress

Anderson presented and reviewed the results of the LESA Analysis. (See Attached). Anderson explained at the last meeting the ANCR work group decided to create a sub-committee for the LESA analysis. The sub-committee has met twice to date. Anderson explained updates made to the factors, scaling, and weighting criteria and reviewed numerous maps that were created as part of the LESA analysis. Anderson highlighted items in the LESA Analysis summary handout.

**Motion by Wagner, seconded by Heili to approve the LESA Analysis information as compiled by the subcommittee to be incorporated into the comprehensive plan.** Sielski stated that this information should be used by local governments as one tool to help identify farmland preservation areas. Schulteis asked if there will be any opportunity to modify information at a future date. Sielski replied yes, that over time the information could be updated, but the current LESA Analysis results would be included in the County Comprehensive Plan. Discussion ensued about changing the terminology on the map regarding farmland from "Primary" and "Secondary Agricultural Land" to "Tier 1" and "Tier 2 Land."

**Motion by Krumbiegel, seconded by Heili to amend the above motion to change the terminology to label Primary Farmland as Tier 1 and Secondary Farmland as Tier 2.** Metz asked if it really made a difference. Sielski replied that it is just to get away from the term "Prime," not to confuse the terminology. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Wagner, seconded by Heili to approve the LESA Analysis information compiled by the subcommittee to be incorporated into the comprehensive plan and change the terminology to include "Tier 1" and "Tier 2".** Discussion ensued to include the definitions on the map. Discussion ensued to change the yellow color to a lighter beige. Sebo suggested that the language from the LESA guidebook prepared by the NRCS be included in the definition on the map. Bingen asked if it would be possible to approve the map the way it is with the understanding that the map could be adjusted in the future or by local municipalities. Sielski added that this map is intended to be used by municipalities during their planning process if they choose to preserve farmland in their municipality. Sielski reiterated that Anderson mentioned the map can be printed for specific municipalities.

Sielski stated she plans on creating a report that will detail how the LESA analysis was conducted. This will provide additional information for anyone who wants to know how the LESA map was created.

**Motion by Bingen, seconded by Peters to accept the map as is with the understanding that it may be revisited and each municipality can use that map as they so choose.** Pesch reminded that the map is merely a guide tool. (Wagner left at 8:00 p.m.). Sebo suggested the LESA map be left with the full range of scores and note that the municipality can choose what break point score they think is best for their municipality. Krumbiegel commented that the map with the full range of scores and colors can be quite confusing. Discussion ensued regarding the municipal agreement for the comprehensive plan. Bingen stated that, in theory, if the town is following the guidelines set by SEWRPC in the Regional Land Use Plan, then the local Land Use plan map should be accepted into the County comprehensive plan as is. Krumbiegel emphasized that the LESA map is just a tool to help the municipalities with their land use planning. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Brainstorming Session on Goals, Objectives, and Policies for the Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element and Issues and Opportunities Element

Sielski stated the various ways that the brainstorming session can be completed. Sielski highlighted items in the summary handout, which included the responses regarding ANCR issues from the Countywide telephone survey, SWOT results, and visioning workshop results. (See Attached). Sielski presented the Countywide Goals, Objectives, and Policies “Draft Working Document” and briefly reviewed. (See Attached).

**Motion by Millin, seconded by Heili to review the information provided and hold the brainstorming session at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Public Comment

Herriges stated that his son took over his farm and owns about 300 acres in the Town of Wayne adjoining a hamlet. Herriges explained that the hamlets are designated in the Town land use plan as preferred areas for residential development but asked why should he sell his land if he doesn't want to. Herriges explained that this type of information should be considered in the decision making process of where to preserve farmland.

Krumbiegel presented a ballot explanation handout regarding the Land Preservation Referendum. (See Attached).

Sielski said the County website may be visited for viewing all adopted County plans, which may be beneficial to help create goals and recommendations during the brainstorming session. Sielski also mentioned that a link will be created on the ANCR webpage to access the Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

Millin encouraged work group members to attend the DATCP Working Lands Conference on February 28, 2007 in Oconomowoc.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be on March 7, 2007 and its main focus will be the brainstorming session. Anderson stated that she will be presenting inventory maps of nonmetallic resources prepared by Bruce Brown from the Wisconsin Geological Survey. There will also be a summary on Tier 1 and Tier 2 land description.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Adjournment

**Motion by Heili, seconded by Metz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora Sielski  
Assistant Administrator for Planning

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
David Baldus, Vice-Chairperson

Date \_\_\_\_\_