

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT WORK GROUP
MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Baldus at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Agency Center in Room 1113A/B. Those present included:

Work Group Members Present:

David Baldus, Chairperson	Town of Polk Citizen
Mary Krumbiegel.....	Washington County Board Supervisor
Melvin Ewert	Washington County Board Supervisor – PCPC
Dan Wolf (Alternate)	Town of Addison
Joe Peters	Town of Barton
Dale Dhein	Town of Germantown
Richard Beine.....	Town of Hartford
Andy Pesch	Village of Kewaskum
Daniel Schmidt.....	Town of Kewaskum
Albert Schulteis.....	Town of Polk
Michael Heili	Village of Newburg
Leander Herriges (Alternate)	Town of Wayne
Rod Bartlow	Ice Age Trail Foundation
Norbert Dettmann	Landmarks Committee

Excused Members:

Ike Roell.....	Town of Farmington
Roger Walsh.....	Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Kevin Dittmar.	Metropolitan Builders Association
Robert Bingen.....	Town of Addison

Absent Members:

Kieth Kriewaldt.....	Town of Wayne
Sue Millin	Land Conservation Partnership
Ross Bishop	Agribusiness Cluster Council
Helmut Wagner.....	Town of Erin

Staff:

Scott Schmidt..... County Engineer/County Surveyor
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Paul Sebo Senior Technician |

Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Josh Glass Planner |

Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Nancy Anderson..... Chief Planner
SEWRPC

Todd Roehl Planner SEWRPC |

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

Others in Attendance:

Maurice Strupp – County Board Supervisor
Alan Linnebur – UW – Extension
Janice Sinur – Planning Division Intern

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

Baldus called meeting to order and reviewed agenda items. Baldus suggested moving the second order of business to the end of the agenda and address that agenda item if it is needed. The workgroup agreed to move the agenda item.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Election of Vice-Chairperson

This item was not addressed due to the approval of Chapter VIII. (See Below) and therefore made this the last meeting of the Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element Workgroup.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Approval of March 7, 2007 Minutes

Motion by Heili, seconded by Schulteis to approve the March 7, 2007 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review and Approval of Draft Chapter VIII – Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element

Anderson stated that all the work that has been reviewed up until now has been inventory work. Anderson stated that Chapter VIII addresses issues regarding agricultural, natural, and cultural resources. Anderson provided explanation of what goals, objectives, policies and programs are. Anderson explained that general goals and objectives from Chapter VII was added on page 2 of this chapter as it relates to the elements being addressed. Anderson added that the main implementation tool for addressing the issues mentioned in Chapter VIII is zoning, which can be done at the local level.

Roehl reviewed Chapter VIII – Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element. (See Attached). Discussion ensued on how some of these recommendations may be enforced. Anderson explained that it is mostly incentive-based and that the reasoning behind the creation of such workgroups as the ANCR Workgroup was so information could be relayed back to local governments and related organizations.

Sebo suggested the County possibly adopting the livestock siting law to address the Farmland Protection Issue. Bartlow requested explanation of the law. Sebo explained the law and discussion ensued.

Anderson stated that a recommendation could be included in the County plan for the County to determine the local governments' interest in adopting the livestock siting law. Adoption of the law could be included as a local government recommendation. County adoption of the livestock siting law could also be included in the County plan.

Motion by Krumbiegel, seconded by Heili to include local government adoption of the livestock siting law as a local government recommendation, and also for possible adoption of the law by the County be included in the chapter. Motion carried unanimously.

Sebo suggested adding the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to the fourth program listed on page 7.

Baldus suggested adding “and other area land trusts” to the fourth program on page 5.

Motion by Baldus, seconded by Heili to add “and other area land trusts” to the fourth program on page 5. Motion carried unanimously.

Sebo suggested that the layout of goals, objectives, policies and programs in the Agricultural and Natural Resources sections be consistent.

Schmidt suggested combining two consecutive goals on page 14 that address the Surface and Groundwater Resources Issue. Those goals read “Protect and enhance groundwater quality in

Washington County” and “Protect and conserve groundwater quantity in Washington County.” The new combined goal would read : Protect, enhance, and conserve groundwater quality and quantity in Washington County.” Schmidt also suggested adding “and quantity” to the second objective on page 14. The objective would then read “Protect groundwater quality and quantity in Washington County from the loss of recharge areas (as shown on Map VIII-4), excessive or overly concentrated pumping, inappropriate private onsite waste treatment systems, surface water pollution, and careless agricultural practices.”

Motion by Heili, seconded by Peters to add “and quantity” to the second objective listed on page 14. Motion carried unanimously.

Heili suggested that the flushing of pharmaceutical products be addressed somewhere in the chapter.

Sebo questioned why language from other plans and manuals is repeated in the Comprehensive Plan.

Heili suggested adding a reference section in the plan that describes how to access other plans that have been addressed.

Wolf stated that municipal sewage treatment plant overflows should be addressed somewhere in the chapter, preferably under the Environmental Health Issue.

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Krumbiegel to address municipal sewage treatment plant overflow under the Environmental Health Issue. Bartlow suggested making the addition on page 13 under the Surface and Groundwater Resources Issue. Heili suggested mentioning it on page 14 along with the County Sanitary Code. Anderson stated that it could be mentioned under both the surfacewater issue and environmental health issue. The original motion carried. Bartlow opposed.

Heili suggested addressing proper pharmaceutical waste disposal on page 17.

Sebo suggested addressing the encouragement of proper pharmaceutical waste disposal as an objective and for the County to seek possible funding sources as a policy.

Motion by Heili, seconded by Bartlow to address proper pharmaceutical waste disposal as Sebo suggested. Motion carried unanimously.

Sebo stated that the Clean Sweep in the County is conducted bi-annually, not annually.

Schmidt stated that “to the amount used” should be removed from the first program on page 18.

Anderson read an e-mail from Roger Walsh regarding the Park and Open Space Preservation portion of the chapter. Anderson stated that there is not a summary of the Park and Open Space Plan included in the Comprehensive Plan. Anderson clarified that there were a total 5 parks proposed. Anderson briefly explained why County Parks B and E sites were excluded. Anderson stated that the Park and Open Space Plan does state a recommendation for a park to be acquired near Big Cedar Lake. Anderson stated that the workgroup can decide if they would like to hold another meeting regarding the Park and Open Space Plan.

Motion by Walsh, seconded by Dettmann to approve chapter VIII with the amendments listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment

No comments given.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings

Glass invited all workgroup members to attend the August 27th Land Use and Transportation Element Workgroup meeting. This meeting will be held at the West Bend Airport and all workgroups and the Advisory Committee will be invited to attend the meeting. Anderson added that Chapter 8 will be reviewed by the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee at their August meeting.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Adjournment

Motion by Krumbiegel, seconded by Peters to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora Sielski
Assistant Administrator for Planning

Approved by _____
David Baldus, Chairperson

Date _____