

Washington County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Study Group
Minutes of March 1, 2005

The meeting was called to order, by Stoffel, at 7:05 p.m. at the Public Agency Center. Those present included:

Staff:

Peter Wagner.....Planner
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Mark Baran..... District Conservationist
USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service

Kevin StruckGrowth Management Educator
Washington County UW-Extension

Allan Linnebur..... Farm Business Educator
Washington County UW-Extension

Study Group Members Present:

Dan Stoffel, Chairperson.....County Board Supervisor

Ellen Goeller, Vice-Chairperson.....Agribusiness Cluster Council Representative

Mike Becker.....Farm Bureau

Jim Bennett.....Town of Hartford

Angie Curtes.....Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

Therese Gripenrog.....Department of Natural Resources

Matt Heiser.....Village of Kewaskum

Mary Krumbiegel.....County Board Supervisor

Scott Mathie.....Metropolitan Builders Association

Sue Millin.....Land Conservation Partnership

Joe Peters.....Town of Barton

First Order of Business: Welcome/Review agenda

Stoffel welcomed study group members and briefly reviewed agenda items.

Second Order of Business: Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Becker to approve the February 1, 2005 minutes as ammended. Motion carried.

Third Order of Business: Develop/Discuss new tools or techniques for Farmland and Open Space Preservation

Wagner asked the Committee if they had any new tools or idea's to be added. Discussion ensued on the original process that was used for a couple of years for farmland preservation.

Fourth Order of Business: Brainstorm Economic Programs/Activities Promoting Agriculture

Wagner explained how the brainstorming process worked. Wagner continued with the brainstorming exercise with the group addressing the situation regarding the decline in agricultural viability in Washington County and how residents and communities can support and promote agriculture.

The group generated several specific ideas. Wagner lead the group in categorizing the specific ideas into the following groups:

- Marketing
- Awareness/Education
- Support Policies/Politics
- Outreach
- Non-Traditional
- Economic Incentives

Wagner stated that the ideas will be included into Chapter 4: Preservation Tools and Techniques.

Fifth Order of Business: Review Preliminary Draft Chapter 4: Preservation Tools & Techniques

Wagner reviewed the Preliminary Draft Chapter 4: Preservation Tools and Techniques. (See Attached). Extensive discussion ensued on various changes to the chapter.

Sixth Order of Business: Review Preliminary Draft Chapter 5: Community Opinion Surveys

Stoffel requested the study group to review Preliminary Draft Chapter 5, and if there are any questions or concerns to please let Wagner know before the next meeting. (See Attached).

Seventh Order of Business: Discuss upcoming meetings

The study group decided to change the April 5th meeting date, due to elections happening on that date. The next meeting will be on April 12th in Room 1113A and 1113B of the Washington County Public Agency Center.

Motion by Krumbiegel, seconded by Peters to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Stoffel