

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
**MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**  
**LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT WORKGROUP**  
**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Priesgen at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington County Public Agency Center in Rooms 1113A/1113B. Those present included:

**Workgroup Members Present:**

Jerry Priesgen, Chairperson.....	West Bend Area Builders Association
John Stern, Vice-Chairperson.....	Washington County Board Supervisor
Charlene Brady.....	Washington County Board Supervisor
Dan Wolf.....	Town of Addison
Mike Dricken.....	Town of Barton
Vicki Heideman.....	Town of Kewaskum
Frank Beesten.....	Village of Kewaskum
Michael Heili.....	Village of Newburg
Mark Peters.....	Town of Polk
Mark Pamperin.....	Town of Wayne
Dan DeThorne.....	City of West Bend Citizen
Susan Touchett.....	Town of Richfield Citizen
Tom Calenberg.....	Applied Manufacturing Cluster Council
Barb Kohler.....	Town of Erin
Margaret Burlingham.....	Rock River Coalition

**Excused:**

Tom Nelson.....	West Bend Trail Blazers
Jeff Walters.....	Washington Board of Realtors

**Absent:**

Dennis Panicucci.....	Town of Hartford
Paul Metz.....	Town of Germantown
Ed Doerr.....	Town of Trenton
Art Seyfert.....	Town of Farmington
Eric Gilbert.....	Non-metallic Mining Representative

**Staff:**

Debora Sielski.....	Assistant Administrator for Planning Washington County Planning and Parks Department
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Scott Schmidt.....	County Engineer Washington County Planning and Parks Department
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Nancy Anderson.....	Chief Planner Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
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Robbie Robinson.....	Planner Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
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Chris Parisey.....	Planner Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
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Dave Jolicoeur.....	Senior Engineer Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
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Joanne Wagner.....	Office Manager Washington County Planning and Parks Department
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**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Call Meeting to Order/Review Agenda

Priesgen called meeting to order.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Heili, seconded by Wolf to approve the September 24, 2007 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Follow-up Discussion regarding Multi-Jurisdictional Advisory Committee Review of Town Island Issue – Deb Sielski

Sielski referred committee to handout memo of November 19 (see enclosed).

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Review of Planning, Conservation and Parks Committee meeting from November 14, 2007 regarding Local Land Use Plan "Substantial Conformance" with the Regional Land Use Plan - Nancy Anderson/Deb Sielski

Anderson gave overview of Land Use Plan map information (see handout). Reviewed information from Planning, Conservation, and Parks Committee (PCPC) meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Land Use Plan maps for each of the towns in the County are displayed in the room tonight. Reviewed the status of the Land Use Plan maps for all Towns (participating and non-participating towns). Referred the Committee to page 2 of the memo to PCPC dated November 13, 2007 and reviewed key recommendations (see attached). All Town plans will be included in the County Land Use Plan map with the Towns of Addison, Germantown, Farmington and Polk needing to add policies for the preservation of primary environmental corridors to their plans.

Dricken had a question on Table 27. Is this just for new development or existing development too? Anderson stated that this would be for new development. Also asked how long towns have to finalize their LU maps. Anderson stated that we need Town maps done so that the County map can be done. We would like to have the maps by no later than January 30<sup>th</sup>. Anderson stated that most of the Town maps are done except a few. If any town maps were not completed by the time the County Board adopted the plan, the Town map would need to be reviewed by the Planning, Conservation and Parks Committee and then, if in substantial agreement, the County Plan would have to be amended to include those maps.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Review and Approve Chapter XI – Transportation Element – Nancy Anderson

Anderson introduced Dave Jolicoeur, SEWRPC Senior Engineer.

At this time, Anderson gave an overview of Chapter XI - Transportation Element, and stated that she will be reviewing this page by page.

Jolicoeur stated that the Jurisdictional Highway Committee has looked at the maps attached to this Chapter and reviewed the concerns the Committee had with the Chapter. The workgroup discussed concerns and comments that they had in regard to the maps (see Chapter XI - Transportation Element maps attached).

Staff will report back to the Jurisdictional Highway Committee on January 17<sup>th</sup> so that they can take a second look at these issues. Anderson noted that highway names were not noted on these maps, and in the future they will be labeled.

Wolf asked how to handle an objection to any of these proposed highways before he signs off on this Plan. Anderson stated that objections from a Town or other local government should be expressed to the Jurisdictional Highway Committee so that they can consider changing the jurisdictional highway plan, or leave the plan as is and include the objection as a note on the maps (see examples on attached maps). She stated that each local government has a representative on the Jurisdictional Highway Committee.

Brady brought up a question about the appropriate County having jurisdiction for County highways that run between two counties (examples: Hwy Q and Hwy Y ) Waukesha/Washington and Ozaukee/Washington. Anderson stated that county and local governments typically have an intergovernmental agreement in place that specifies which unit of government has responsibility for streets and highways located on town or county lines, but will check into the specifics for highways on the county line and report back to the committee.

Peters stated that the Town of Polk has concerns regarding Highway C and noted that Jolicoeur didn't mention any of these concerns. At this point, Jolicoeur described the concerns previously stated by the Town of Polk.

#### Review of Goals, Objectives, Policies and Programs:

Burlingham stated that there is an issue regarding transportation for agriculture as the County gets more developed and asked if that was being addressed in any of the Chapters. Discussion ensued regarding this concern. Sielski and Anderson stated that this is a very good point and they will follow up on it.

Wolf asked about what the plan means by "maintaining the railroad" on page seven. Anderson stated that there is little the local governments can do, but this is more directed toward the County. Anderson will check into this and provide further information about what the County is expected to do to maintain the railroad lines.

Dricken stated that in regard to providing bicycle paths along roadways, there was some discussion in this workgroup as well as their local Plan Commission that it is really not safe to have bicycles mixing with traffic on highways outside of town. Jolicoeur stated that the Regional Plan recommends that as each section of highway or street is reconstructed, consideration should be given to providing accommodations for bicyclists. Several options exist to address this concern. Discussion ensued regarding existing bike paths within Washington County and some neighboring counties. Wolf and Dricken expressed concerns about the potential money being spent on developing more bicycle paths in the County when there are already existing trails that can be used.

Calenberg stated that in Boston, they are taking roundabouts out and wonders why we are considering adding them (see page 11). Jolicoeur stated that roundabouts work well in many situations, but not all. Sielski stated that roundabouts have been shown to reduce the number of crashes at intersections and are therefore preferred by the County transportation department. Further discussion ensued regarding roundabouts and how they can be useful. Peters asked if they have determined where they will be putting these roundabouts, and whether they have taken into consideration the farming aspect. When you run farm machinery through there, you are going to need big enough areas to get around. Peters stated that the existing roundabouts could be hazardous for large farm implements. Jolicoeur stated that roundabouts must be designed to accommodate fire trucks, but was not aware if farm machinery is considered during the design. Staff will check and report back to the committee.

Anderson asked if there was any more discussion or any further concerns in regard to the issues they have covered to this point.

Priesgen stated that in regard to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Issue, in the first program on the bottom of page 13, he has a concern about where the dollars will come from and how efficiently we are using them. If we are going to spend a lot of money on a bike path, and it's only going to be used selectively, it's probably not a good use of our tax dollars. Anderson suggested adding that the facility should balance cost, safety and potential use. Further discussion ensued including the fact that in some areas, trails are used as part of the curriculum in schools, thus in those areas, trails are not just recreational.

Priesgen asked if there were any more comments or discussion on any of the portions reviewed in this Chapter. Hearing none, Priesgen called for a motion to approve.

**Motion by Beesten, seconded by Dricken to approve Chapter XI-Transportation Element.**

Pamperin expressed concerns about approving the roads section in this Chapter, specifically Maps XI-1 and XI-2. Anderson stated that the Jurisdictional Highway Committee is taking the lead on that. This chapter is going to reflect their interpretation. Suggested mailing the maps out after the Jurisdictional Highway Committee approves the draft plan. Sielski stated it is important to stay on schedule with the Comprehensive Plan, knowing that there is another Multi-Jurisdictional Committee working on the Jurisdictional Highway Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding setting up another meeting of this workgroup to approve the maps after the Jurisdictional Highway Committee has reviewed them. Sielski stated the other possibility is that anyone who is interested could attend the January 17 Jurisdictional Highway Committee meeting and provide comments at that meeting. She further stated that it could take some time for the Jurisdictional Highway Committee to finalize the maps.

**Motion by Pamperin, seconded by Dricken to amend the previous motion to approve Chapter XI-Transportation Element, with the contingency that this Committee will have the opportunity to review updated versions of Maps XI-1 and XI-2 after January 17<sup>th</sup> when the Jurisdictional Highway Committee has reviewed them. Motion carried, with Heideman and Kohler opposing.**

**Motion to approve Chapter XI - Transportation Element as amended carried, with Kohler opposing.**

Sielski again suggested that anyone here who is interested could attend the January 17<sup>th</sup> Jurisdictional Highway Committee meeting and provide comments.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Overview of Washington County/Ozaukee County Joint Implementation Workshop

Sielski reviewed brochure and gave overview of workshop (see enclosed).

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Public Comment

No one present from the Public.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2007 at which the Land Use Element will be reviewed. A tentative meeting date of January 2, 2008 has also been scheduled if needed.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Adjournment

**Motion by Dricken Seconded by Pamperin to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora Sielski  
Assistant Administrator for

Planning

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Priesgen, Chairperson

Date \_\_\_\_\_