

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT WORK GROUP
MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2006

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

Work Group Members Present:

Marilyn John, Chairperson..... Town of Trenton
David Baldus, Vice-Chairperson Town of Polk Citizen
Robert Bingen Town of Addison
Joe Peters Town of Barton
Helmut Wagner Town of Erin
Ike Roell..... Town of Farmington
Dale Dhein Town of Germantown
Sue Yogerst..... Town of Hartford
Ellis Kahn Town of Kewaskum
Kieth Kriewaldt..... Town of Wayne
Roger Walsh..... Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Rod Bartlow Ice Age Trail Foundation
Ross Bishop Agribusiness Cluster Council
Jeff Truman..... Town of Erin Citizen
Kevin Dittmar Metropolitan Builders Association

Absent:

Chris Borchert..... Washington County Historical Society
Andy Pesch Village of Kewaskum
Harold Groth Town of Polk
Norbert Dettmann Landmarks Committee
Bette Voeks..... Town of Farmington Citizen

Excused:

Mary Krumbiegel..... Washington County Board Supervisor – PCPC
Sue Millin Land Conservation Partnership

Staff:

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

Nancy Anderson..... Chief Planner
SEWRPC

Todd Roehl Chief Planner
SEWRPC

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

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

John called meeting to order and requested all members to please put out their nameplates. John added that there is currently not a quorum and will delay the approval of the minutes.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Final Review and Approval of Draft Chapter 3 – Inventory of Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources

Anderson briefly reviewed the following changes to Chapter 3: Updated non-metallic mining information will be added to the map for some area's that were not included; Numerous changes to the Park and Open Space Inventory. Anderson explained that the NRCS has urged SEWRPC to use the LESA system. Sielski briefly reviewed the "Land Evaluation (LESA)" system handout. (See Attached). Discussion ensued on the various classes of soils. Kahn asked on page 7, to identify how is a farm defined. Anderson replied that it will be footnoted in the chapter based on the USDA's definition. Discussion ensued regarding farmland preservation. Wagner commented on the difference between acreage and farm production. Kahn asked how current the sewer service area maps are. Anderson replied all sewer service information is current. Dittmar asked what is the number of acres that makes a farm viable. Discussion ensued on types and size of farms that should be highlighted in the plan for preservation. Sielski suggested that further brainstorming could be done at the next several meetings on these issues as the work group works through the LESA process.

John noted that a quorum of the work group is present and requested for a motion for preliminary approval of Chapter 3.

Motion made Bartlow, seconded by Wagner to preliminary approve chapter 3 with changes. Discussion ensued and the motion was dropped. The work group came to a concensus to post pone preliminary approval until the June meeting when a final draft with changes can be reviewed.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Approval of November 2, 2005 Minutes and March 1, 2005 Minutes

Motion by Wagner, seconded by Dittmar to approve the November 2, 2005 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kriewaldt, seconded by Bishop to approve the March 1, 2006 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Update on Kickoff meetings

Sielski stated since the last meeting there were 3 more kickoff meetings and all kickoff meetings have been completed. Sielski highlighted the attendance at these meetings and stated that they were very successful. Sielski informed the work group that the next sessions will be during August and September 2006 and the meetings will be approximately 4 – 5 hours long with an open house type of setting. These visioning sessions are very important and a good opportunity for the public to be involved in some of the planning. There will be a letter sent to all the partnering municipalities to coordinate a date and time for the various visioning sessions

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment

Bishop suggested an ad for the visioning sessions be published in the Farm Bureau newspaper which will be published in June. Wagner also noted that the Town of Erin has a newsletter that information could be included in.

John added that SEWRPC will be having a public hearing at the Washington County Fair Park regarding the Regional Transportation Plan on April 6, 2006. Sielski briefly highlighted the Comprehensive Planning Seminar handout. (See Attached).

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings

John highlighted that the next meeting will be a meeting of the Advisory Committee on May 3, 2006 and Sielski encouraged everyone to attend. Sielski added the next meeting of the Work Group will be June 7, 2006 and the final draft of Chapter 3 will be reviewed and there may also be a presentation on the PDR program.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, seconded by Peters to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Sielski
Assistant Administrator for Planning

Approved by _____
Marilyn John, Chairperson

Date _____

