

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT WORK
GROUP
MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 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
Mary Krumbiegel	Washington County Board Supervisor
Robert Bingen.....	Town of Addison
Joe Peters	Town of Barton
Ike Roell	Town of Farmington
Dale Dhein.....	Town of Germantown
Richard Beine (Alternate).....	Town of Hartford
Daniel Schmidt	Town of Kewaskum
Albert Schulteis	Town of Polk
Kieth Kriewaldt	Town of Wayne
Andy Pesch.....	Village of Kewaskum
Jeff Truman	Town of Erin Citizen
Roger Walsh	Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Norbert Dettmann.....	Landmarks Committee

Excused Members:

David Baldus, Vice-Chairperson.....	Town of Polk Citizen
Rod Bartlow	Ice Age Trail Foundation
Kevin Dittmar.....	Metropolitan Builders Association
Sue Millin.....	Land Conservation Partnership

Absent:

Melvin Ewert.....	Washington County Board Supervisor – PCPC
Helmut Wagner	Town of Erin
Sue Yogerst	Town of Hartford
Michael Heili.....	Village of Newburg
Chris Borchert	Washington County Historical Society
Bette Voeks	Town of Farmington Citizen
Ross Bishop.....	Agribusiness Cluster Council

Staff:

Peter Wagner

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

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

John stated the first two items on the agenda will be skipped until a quorum is present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discussion of Intergovernmental Meeting and Interactive Visioning Workshop

Wagner stated that the Intergovernmental Meeting was held on July 27th and that 4 non-partnering community representatives attended. Wagner stated that Sielski reported that there was good discussion.

Wagner updated the work group on the countywide visioning workshop. Wagner stated that 35 people attended the workshop. Wagner added that the visual preference survey station and smartboard were the most attended stations. Krumbiegel commented that there was a lot of work put into by staff and hopes that the communities will have a better representation.

John stated that Walsh and Peters arrived at the meeting and a quorum was present.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Approval of April 5, 2006 Minutes

Motion by Peters, seconded by Dhein to approve the April 5, 2006 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Anderson informed the work group that the revised Draft Chapter 3 was mailed to them in May for their review. Anderson highlighted some of the major changes made to the chapter. Anderson commented that Bruce Brown from the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (WGNHS), who was a presenter at the May 3rd Advisory Committee meeting, is working on improved maps and text for nonmetallic mining resources. Anderson added that the information will be incorporated into Chapter 3 when it is provided by Dr. Brown.

Anderson reviewed the Proposed Additions to Chapter 3 handout. (See Attached). Anderson suggested changing the description of the Poplar Road Lacustrine Forest Natural Area on page 19G – #74 in the Town of Trenton. Discussion ensued regarding shallow bedrock areas and how these areas should not be precluded from development.

Motion by Bingen, seconded by Peters to approve Draft Chapter 3 – Inventory of Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources. Motion carried unanimously.

Kriewaldt requested to see a final draft version of Chapter 3. Anderson stated that the revised final draft will be mailed to the work group.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discussion of merging the Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element Work Group and the Land Use and Transportation Element Work Group

Anderson explained that there is going to be a lot of overlapping issues that both work groups

will be discussing and reviewing, such as farmland preservation, protection of environmental corridors, and natural limitations for development. It would be beneficial to merge the two work groups to tackle these issues at the same time, instead of having work groups debate separately. Anderson added that the new work group would consist of 1 municipality representative and 2 county board supervisors. Anderson stated that it would be more beneficial for the new work group to meet the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Truman suggested having a Transportation Work Group since there are no overlapping issues. Kriewaldt stated concerns about the interested participants not being able to participate. Bingen suggested shrinking the membership of both work groups.

Discussion ensued regarding the attendance concerns for both work groups. Kriewaldt stated that the work group needs to be trimmed, but stay separate and have joint meetings when needed. Wagner stated one of the issues with having joint meetings was the scheduling of a meeting date and the availability conflicts of the members involved. Discussion ensued on how the municipal representative would be selected. Wagner stated that it would be up to the municipality to select their representative. Bingen stated his concern would be that people are attending this process and would be told not to participate. Bingen suggested to have all representatives be invited to the meeting, with a lead representative. Kriewaldt stated that you may lose some people with creating a 35 member group. Some representatives may get lost in the process due to the size of the work group. Schmidt commented that it is beneficial to have 2 representatives on different committees, which then report back to their municipality. Pesch added that it would be beneficial to have joint meetings prior to the recommendation going to the Advisory Committee. Krumbiegel suggested to merge both work groups together, or make the 2nd representative an alternate. Wagner commented the larger group would be harder to manage. Dhein suggested the work groups meet jointly quarterly to discuss related issues.

For clarification, Wagner read a summary of the Work Groups suggestions and concerns as follows:

Suggestions:

- Trim work groups instead of merging the two work groups to avoid quorum issues
- If groups are merged, invite the former participating members to meetings so we don't lose their opinion/expertise/efforts on issues discussed
- Shrink both work groups but schedule joint meetings when necessary to discuss overlapping issues

Concerns:

- Town of Barton raised the concern that members selected for each work group had a passion/interest in those issues covered in their particular work group. It would be difficult to determine which representative would be the final representative for the Town
- Concerned that a group of 30 or more members to discuss policies/recommendations may prove too difficult to manage. Believe that smaller groups will provide better discussion
- Member commented that having multiple municipal representatives is a good way for local governments to hear what is going on in the various work groups
- Group understood that recommendations may be changed by the Advisory Committee and that it should be the Advisory Committee that makes sure policies/recommendations coming from the work groups are consistent

Extensive discussion ensued regarding preserving farmland.

Motion by Walsh, seconded by Peters to oppose the Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element Work Group merging with the Land Use and Transportation Element Work Group. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Walsh, seconded by Kriewaldt to have both work groups review the attendance of members and reduce the size of the work group. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Walsh, seconded by Roell to have joint meetings to discuss related issues when necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment

No comments given.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings

Anderson stated there will be no September meeting. There is a possibility of having a joint meeting on October 4, 2006.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Adjournment

Motion by Krumbiegel, seconded by Schmidt to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora Sielski
Assistant Administrator for

Planning

Approved by _____
Marilyn John, Chairperson

Date _____