

ADAMS COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES: December 2, 2009
Room A260

Vice-Chair Joanne Sumpter called the Adams County Planning & Development Committee meeting to order at 9:02 A.M., noting that Chairman Glenn Licitar would be a little late. The following members were present: Terry James, Secretary; Sylvia Breene and Joe Stuchlak. Mike Keckeisen and Richard Colby were excused. Others present were: Phil McLaughlin, Zoning Administrator; Cathy Allen, Recording Secretary; Greg Rhinehart, Surveyor and Fran Dehmlow. Was this meeting properly announced? Phil McLaughlin stated that it was. Roll call.

Joe Stuchlak made a motion to deviate from the Public Hearings and proceed to item #6 of the agenda to allow Chairman Licitar to participate in the Public Hearings. Terry James seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice-Chair Sumpter stated that public participation would be accepted throughout the meeting.

Phil McLaughlin presented the minutes from the November 2, 2009 Planning & Development meeting to the Committee for review and approval. Joe Stuchlak made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sylvia Breene seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Greg Rhinehart presented the Surveyor's report for the month of November to the Committee for review and approval. Terry James made a motion to approve the Surveyor's report as presented. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Glenn Licitar joined the meeting at 9:09 A.M.

Terry James made a motion to return to the Public Hearings to discuss the CSBG-EAP grant. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Final Preparation and Filing of a Grant Application for the County to receive funds from a Community Block Grant for the purpose of updating the County Flood Maps. Chairman Licitar invited comments on the grant application. County GIS Tech Tyler Grossheusch spoke in support of the Grant Application, as the recently adopted maps have caused many map amendments because of inaccuracies. Barb Petkovsek, Administrative Coordinator spoke in favor of the Grant Application, citing safety notification reasons of the County citizens, and that it is also a good opportunity to get the LiDAR mapping done at the same time as our aerial photography flight. John Jones, Village of Friendship President and Fran Dehmlow, County Board Supervisor appeared for the Grant Application but did not wish to speak. The County has also received letters in support from the Towns of Dell Prairie, Easton, Jackson, Leola, Monroe, Quincy and Rome.

Joanne Sumpter made a motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular portion of the agenda. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. Terry James suggested that the Committee hear Donald Regnier's rezoning request at this time also. Sumpter withdrew her motion and Stuchlak withdrew his second.

Donald Regnier – Reconsideration of a rezoning request of a portion of a parcel (1 acre) from a Conservancy District to a Recreational/Residential District of the Adams County Shoreland Protection Ordinance for a possible future cabin site on property located in the SE ¼, SW ¼, Section 36, Township, 19 North, Range 6 East, at 774 Chicago Avenue, Town of Big Flats, Adams County, Wisconsin.

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Upon review of materials submitted and a site visit performed November 9, 2009, the Committee completed the Findings Checklist. The average of the combined totals (184) was 36.8. (Licitar-44; Stuchlak-31; James-38; Breene-29; Sumpter-42) The Committee was unanimous in its decision for recommendation of denial of the zoning change to the County Board for final action. (A score of 48 (80%) or higher is required for a recommendation of approval.)

Chris Murphy joined the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

Chairman Licitar closed the Public Hearings.

Matt Bremer of the Land & Water Department presented three bids to the Committee for the Cottonville Dam repair project. Discussion followed. Terry James made a motion to award the bid to Terra Engineering & Construction Corporation out of Madison at \$39,000.00, to include alternate bid #1 at \$1,500.00 and alternate bid #2 at \$5,600.00 for Tainter Gate Metal Fabrication and Painting. Joanne Sumpter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Public Hearing held December 1, 2009 on the Farmland Preservation and the Working Lands Initiative. The Committee reviewed the comments taken by the Planning & Zoning Department by phone prior to the hearing and a general show of hands of the approximately forty attendees either for or against. Mr. McLaughlin stated that if the County decided to let the Certification lapse, the zoning text and map issues could be worked out before getting recertified by DATCP. This will be a time consuming project, but the County has until the Farmland Preservation Plan expires in 2014 to get Re-certified. Until that time Ag producers would need to petition DATCP to form Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA) to ensure eligibility for tax credits. Farmers receiving tax credits with existing Preservation Plans are good until they expire, but will not be able to renew those agreements, they would need to be in an AEA. Sylvia Breene made a motion that the County allow the Exclusive Agricultural Zoning Certification to lapse on December 31, 2009 and forward that recommendation to County Board for final action. Joanne Sumpter seconded that motion. Roll Call Vote: 3 – Yes. 2 – No. (Stuchlak, Licitar) Motion Carried.

Corporation Counsel joined the meeting at 11:10 A.M. Discussion was held. Joanne Sumpter made a motion to forward a Resolution to County Board containing the pertinent information regarding allowing the Exclusive Agricultural Zoning Certification to lapse. Sylvia Breene seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Joanne Sumpter made a motion to deviate from the agenda and go to item #17 Closed Session. Corporation Counsel made the Committee aware that item #17 on the agenda for closed session could not be held as the wording was incorrect. Discussion followed. Joanne Sumpter made a motion to schedule the closed session for December 14, 2009 on the Land & Water Department agenda. To be present are Committee members, Phil McLaughlin and Cathy Allen. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. 4 – Yes. 1 – No. (James) Motion carried.

Joanne Sumpter made a motion to revert back to item #11 on the agenda. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Joanne Sumpter made a motion to file the Grant Application for the County to receive funds from a Community Block Grant for the purpose updating County Flood Maps. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion.

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Discussion followed. Sumpter amended her motion to read “following a Public Hearing”. Stuchlak seconded the motion. Sumpter amended her motion to include “County Board Chair”. Stuchlak seconded the motion. Final motion to read “Following a Public Hearing on December 2, 2009 the Committee recommendation is for the County Board Chair to file a Grant Application for the County to receive funds from a Community Block Grant for the purpose updating County Flood Maps.” Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes. Motion carried.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to take no action to replace Richard Colby.

Terry James made a motion to recess. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

RECESS: 11:40 A.M.
RECONVENE 11:45A.M.

Department updates. Phil McLaughlin informed the Committee that the new Inspector, Dan Hansen passed the test for POWTS Inspector. He did it on his own knowing that he would not get an increase in pay, as he is already at the top of the pay scale.

Phil McLaughlin presented the Financial Report for the month of October and the Comp Time Report to the Committee for review. Terry James made a motion to approve the Financial Report and the Comp Time Report as presented. Joanne Sumpter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Chris Murphy wanted the Committee to be aware that his Department has received an allocation plan from DATCP with major cuts.

Terry James made a motion to adjourn until January 6, 2010 with the agenda to include closed session for Department Head evaluation. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED: 11: 10 A.M.

Glenn Licitar, Chair

Joanne Sumpter, Vice-Chair

Terry James, Secretary

Joe Stuchlak

Sylvia Breene

Mike Keckeisen

Richard Colby

Cathy Allen, Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.