

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tim Kaul called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Because Board member Sam Macklem was excused from the meeting, Chairman Kaul appointed alternate Paul Hayes as a voting member for the meeting. Land Preservation Board members present were: Chairman Tim Kaul, Vice Chairwoman Jennifer Rothstein, Supervisor John Hazelwood, Frank Madden, Jim Melichar, Mike Paulus, and alternates Paul Hayes and Marjie Tomter. Sam Macklem was excused. Staff present included: Land and Water Management Department Director Andy Holschbach, County Administrator Tom Meaux, UW-Extension Agriculture Agent Dan O'Neil, UW-Extension Community Resource Development Educator Nicole Sidoff, Planning and Parks Department Director Andrew Struck, and Planning and Parks Intern Paul Merkey. Supervisor Glenn Stumpf was also in attendance.

**2. ASSURANCE THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED**

Chairman Kaul asked staff if the meeting had been properly noticed and the agenda had been posted. Nicole Sidoff noted that the meeting was properly noticed and the agenda posted.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Supervisor Hazelwood and seconded Mike Paulus to adopt the agenda as printed. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (SEPTEMBER 24, 2009)**

Andrew Struck noted a few minor revisions to staff titles in the minutes.

**Motion by Supervisor Rothstein and seconded Frank Madden to approve the minutes for the September 24, 2009 meeting of the Land Preservation Board with the minor revisions suggested. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.**

**5. STATE – WI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (DATCP)**

Chairman Kaul noted that this agenda item was a carry-over from the last Land Preservation Board meeting.

**A. AGRICULTURAL USE VALUE ASSESSMENT**

Andy Holschbach gave a PowerPoint presentation on agricultural use value assessment.

**B. WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE**

Andy Holschbach gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Working Lands Initiative (WLI). Andrew Struck noted that Map 13 in the Ozaukee County Comprehensive Plan showed the lands enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program in the County as of 2005.

Andrew Struck explained that the Working Lands Initiative (WLI) requires that Ozaukee County complete an update to the County Farmland Preservation Plan and have it certified by DATCP by December 31, 2011. He then explained that much of the information that the WLI requires to be included in a Farmland Preservation Plan has already been collected for Ozaukee County as part of the comprehensive planning process. However, some inventory data will have to be updated and some new information collected and recommendations developed. This will include the identification of "farmland preservation areas." The data produced by the LESA analysis that was conducted as part of the comprehensive planning process will be valuable in this process. It will be important to get input from the public and from local government officials when identifying these farmland preservation areas.

**C. PILOT FARM PRESERVATION OPPORTUNITY – ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AREAS (AEA)**

LPB members received a handout of the press release announcing the first call for Agricultural

Enterprise Area (AEA) proposals. Andy Holschbach stated that he would like to pursue the North Branch Milwaukee River Wildlife and Farming Heritage area to have designated as an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA). Only areas identified in "farmland preservation areas" as discussed earlier will be eligible to be considered for an AEA. Andrew Struck explained that in the current 2035 planned land use map that was developed during the comprehensive planning process, the towns of Belgium, Fredonia, and Saukville all have areas that would meet that requirement for "farmland preservation areas". The Town of Port Washington situation is a bit different, as the Town identified much of its land use as "mixed agriculture / conservation subdivision," which may not meet the WLI requirements for a farmland preservation area and an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA). According to the WLI, the requirements for a farmland preservation area includes the caveat that any residential uses must be no more than a 1:20 ratio of the base farm tract, with residential land divisions not exceeding four plus the original parcel.

Supervisor Stumpf asked a question regarding the ability to designate farmland preservation areas and AEA's in communities with smaller farms and less designated farmland, such as the Towns of Cedarburg and Grafton, and the City of Mequon. Andrew Struck explained that the designation of farmland preservation areas must be consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan and the planned land use (e.g. farmland protection). Therefore, with an underlying residential planned land use, a farmland preservation area could not be designated and therefore not eligible for an AEA designation or use of the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) program. The PACE program; however is generally targeted more toward areas where urbanization pressures are stronger.

The LPB then discussed the steps that would be necessary to establish an AEA in Ozaukee County. It was agreed that some clarification is needed as to whether or not the County can use its "old" existing farmland preservation plan when applying for the first round of AEA's in February 2010. Staff emphasized the fact that it will take a lot of time and cooperation with the towns and landowners to come to agreement about where the County should focus its farmland preservation efforts and pursue AEA designation(s).

The LPB then had a discussion about why or why not farmers would want to enroll in the Working Land Initiative farmland preservation programs.

**6. OVERVIEW OF ADOPTED COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – ANDREW STRUCK**

**A. ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS/CORRIDORS/NATURAL AREAS**

The LPB decided to postpone this item until the next meeting.

**B. UPDATE OF THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY**

The LPB decided to postpone this item until the next meeting.

**C. UPDATE OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY**

The LPB decided to postpone this item until the next meeting.

**7. DISCUSSION OF BOARD VISION**

Chairman Kaul noted that the Board vision is suitably laid out in the resolution that established the Board. This vision is essentially to preserve farmland and natural areas in Ozaukee County. Paul Hayes noted that the Board is also charged with helping preserve agriculture and farming. Marjie Tomter emphasized the importance of communicating the Board's efforts to preserve natural areas and protect water quality when sharing its vision with the public, since natural resource preservation and protection of water quality may be a more important issue to some members of the public.

**8. DISCUSSION OF BOARD GOALS**

This item was addressed during *Discussion of Board Vision*.

#### 9. DISCUSSION OF TIMELINE

Andy Holschbach, in conjunction with Andrew Struck, stated that he will work with Dale Katsma to determine the interest of North Branch landowners in applying for an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) designation. Jim Melichar emphasized the importance of meeting with town officials and landowners in the North Branch area in order to discuss the LPB and the WLI. Andrew Struck noted that it will take time to work with the local governments, for example the Town of Fredonia with the North Branch area, to make sure they are on-board with the possibility of establishing an AEA within their jurisdiction. Dan O'Neil and Nicole Sidoff will begin working on outreach efforts and workshops to inform the public, landowners, and local government officials about the Working Lands Initiative. Andrew Struck and Nicole Sidoff will begin looking at the goals, objectives and policies in the Ozaukee County Comprehensive Plan that are relevant to the Land Preservation Board's efforts.

Frank Madden agreed to work with Andrew Struck and Nicole Sidoff to develop a timeline for the development of an Ozaukee County Farmland Preservation Plan. The group will share this timeline with the LPB at the next meeting.

Andrew Struck noted that the update to the Ozaukee County Park and Open Space Plan will need to be completed before the Ozaukee County Farmland Preservation Plan process could be a main focus for staff. He noted that Ozaukee County is in line for assistance from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) on the County's Farmland Preservation Plan; however, SEWRPC likely would not be available before July 2010 to assist.

#### 10. DISCUSSION OF APRIL 2, 2010 FIRST FRIDAY FORUM TOPIC: "PRESERVING OZAUKEE COUNTY'S RURAL CHARACTER – THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF OUR LAND RESOURCES"

This item will be discussed in further detail at the next LPB meeting.

#### 11. COMMENTS ON THE 2009 ULTIMATE LAND USE TOUR

The Land Conservation Partnership of Ozaukee County, in conjunction with American Farmland Trust, had to cancel the 2009 Ultimate Land Use Tour due to the low number of tour registrants. Marjie Tomter noted that the Land Conservation Partnership of Ozaukee County (LCP) would like to support the LPB in any way the LPB sees useful.

#### 12. NEXT MEETING TOPICS

##### A. ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES/TASKS

This item was covered during the discussion of *Timeline*.

##### B. FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES/TIMES

The next Land Preservation Board meeting will be held Friday, December 18, 2009 at 9:00 AM in Room 118 of the Ozaukee County Administration Center.

#### 13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There was no public comment or written communications. Chairman Kaul suggested that this agenda item be moved to the top of the agenda for all future meetings; specifically, following approval of the minutes. LPB members agreed that having this item earlier in the agenda would be better for any members of the public interested in speaking at the meeting.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Jim Melichar and seconded by Paul Hayes to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting aye, the motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM.

*Respectfully submitted by Nicole Sidoff and Andrew Struck.*