

**Ozaukee County**  
**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 4:30 PM**  
**Auditorium, Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Lee Schlenvogt called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM. Farmland Preservation Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (FPP CAC) members present included: Chairman Lee Schlenvogt, Benjamin Arnold, John Blasczyk (5:00 PM), Bill Fleming, Ron Heinritz, Barb Jobs, Cathy Jones, Francis Kleckner, Bryan Kligora, Mary Korte (4:47 PM), Edward Miller, Christine O'Neil, Erin Ortiz, Bob Roden, and Steve Wilkinson. Members excused included: Dale Buser, Vice Chairperson Shawn Graff, John Riordan (alt.), and Lynde Uihlein. Members absent included: Mike Didier, Lynda Huebner, Young Kim, Pat Wilborn, Roy Wilhelm, Mike Winker, and Jac Zader. Ozaukee County Staff present included: Planning and Parks Department Director Andrew Struck, Land and Water Management Director Andy Holschbach, and Planning and Parks Department Intern David Winston. Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) staff present included: Principal Planner Rick Kania.

**2. ASSURANCE THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Lee Schlenvogt asked staff if the meeting had been properly noticed and the agenda posted. Andrew Struck noted that the meeting was properly noticed and the agenda posted.

**Motion by Bob Roden and seconded by Francis Kleckner to adopt the agenda as printed. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Cathy Jones noted her appreciation for the First Friday Forum on the Ozaukee County Farmland Preservation Plan, however, brought up a concern that the \$10 lunch fee may be limiting attendance. She suggested the possibility of changing the time and/or cost of the meeting and meal. Andrew Struck noted that a good turnout had been present at breakfast meetings in the past, but indicated that attendance based on time was variable based on personal preference. Mr. Struck offered to pass along these concerns and the possibility of attendance being free of cost for those in attendance not wishing to have the meal.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (JANUARY 24, 2012)**

Chairman Schlenvogt asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes.

**Motion by Erin Ortiz and seconded by Bob Roden to approve the minutes for the February 28, 2012 meeting of the Farmland Preservation Plan Citizen Advisory Committee as written. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.**

Mary Korte joined the meeting at 4:47 PM.

**5. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHAPTER VII – IMPLEMENTATION – OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY AND ASSOCIATED APPENDICES H,I,J AND K**

Andrew Struck reviewed the results of the previous FPP CAC member survey for Chapter VII program prioritization. Members received the results in their packets which provided the range of rankings numerically 4.62 (high) to 2.77 (low) and subdivided that range into a proposed five tiers of priority. Mr. Struck noted programs receiving a 4.00 or higher comprised the top 20% of programs ranked in the survey. Mr. Struck also indicated that the Committee should discuss the prioritization results and that individual programs deemed more or less important than the survey indicated could be raised or lowered in priority based on committee input and that after committee deliberation, the decided upon top priority programs would be highlighted in Chapter VII as "high priority" programs. He further noted that all the programs would be listed in the appendix and that none of them would be left out.

Mary Korte noted that the key Agricultural Programs were not ranked highly in the survey, falling below the top 25% cut off of 3.92. She pointed out that there was a noticeable difference between agricultural related programs that she believed were of greater importance versus the other related programs.

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Andrew Struck then offered to return to the discussion on program prioritization after the rest of Chapter VII had been reviewed.

Mr. Kania then reviewed Chapter VII with the Committee page-by-page and indicated that the plan would be sent to DATCP for review and certification after approval by LPB and CPB.

John Blaczyk joined the at meeting 5:00 PM

Steve Wilkinson raised a question about the Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA) section beginning on page 13. Mr. Wilkinson asked if in the event a landowner wished to withdraw from an AEA, how would the other AEA participants be affected by the potential reduction in acreage or number of participants. Andrew Struck noted that AEA boundaries are created through legislative approval of the Wisconsin State legislature and therefore can only be changed by the State legislature once approved. Bryan Kligora noted that the farmland preservation agreements with DATCP in the AEA was 15 years instead of 10 years like in other agreements.

Mr. Kania noted special attention of footnote seven on page 21 regarding the Right-To-Farm Ordinances; wherein Iowa's Right-To-Farm legislation had been overturned by the Iowa Supreme Court. Chairman Lee Schlenvogt noted that the Right-To-Farm legislation in Wisconsin has not been challenged. Mr. Kania then noted that, in the event the Right-To-Farm legislation is brought to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the decision may be different than in Iowa. He noted that legal assistance should be sought if implementing the Right-To-Farm ordinance.

Mr. Kania finished the review of Chapter VII with Committee members by explaining that the figures found at the end of the Chapter, which were also on display in large format at the meeting. He noted he may add examples of farmland symbology to figures A-1 and A-2. Mary Korte noted that the symbols in figures B-1 and B-2 were difficult to interpret. Mr. Struck agreed and asked if a legend could be added to Figures B-1 and B-2. Mr. Kania noted that the explanation of symbols for figures B-1 and B-2 were found in the notes and that a legend is unnecessary.

Mr. Struck then returned to the issue of program prioritization noting that the program prioritization in the Farmland Preservation Plan would not supersede the program prioritization in the adopted Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035. He noted that the programs' priority may be referenced in the comprehensive plan and that programs not present in the comprehensive plan would be added in an effort to refine and emphasize the farm preservation aspect. Bill Fleming noted that the Committee's charge was to identify programs dealing with the greatest threat to farmland preservation, for example, land development of parcels containing high LESA scores. He noted that in his opinion, the best programs to deal with those issues included the agricultural-related programs, which would focus on educating the public and programs dealing with land use and zoning. Mr. Fleming noted a weighting system could be implemented to emphasize the more important agricultural related programs, to assist the prioritization decision. Mary Korte noted the programs she felt were most important, which largely included the agricultural related programs and that one quarter of the top 12 ranked programs were manure related in this survey. She noted that manure programs were important for issues related to public support, but were not related to farm preservation or environmental protection and that many important programs were listed too low in priority on the survey. Francis Kleckner noted that manure management is related to water quality and environmental protection.

Bill Flemming noted there was an apparent difference between programs dealing with farmland perseveration and programs dealing with sound management practices, and indicating that he felt outside influences and development to be more dangerous to farmland preservation. Cathy Jones noted that some programs and research may be under implementation by other agencies and that efforts should be made to avoid duplicating those efforts. Ed Miller and Bill Fleming suggested that perhaps the survey could be redone with weighting the agricultural programs by ranking the subsections and then not

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weighting the other related programs. They also suggested the programs should be ranked instead of rated on a scale. So, each program should be ranked within a subsection and then the agricultural related program subsections would also be ranked and the averages used as a weighting system for those programs. Cathy Jones noted that reorganizing the programs may assist Committee members in prioritizing programs. Bill Fleming added that Committee members should keep in mind the purpose of the Farmland Preservation Plan and the biggest threats to preserving farmland when retaking the survey.

Cathy Jones left the meeting at 5:47 PM

Andrew Struck noted that it is up to the Committee to guide the program prioritization for Chapter VII, taking into account limited time and resources. He also noted that Appendix I groups the various programs in subsections by related programs. Mr. Struck further explained that individual programs that were decided to have greater importance (high priority) within the related program subdivisions would be highlighted in Chapter VII under the revised survey, but that the results from the first survey would be retained for the Committee's use and reference. Erin Ortiz noted that the mathematical weight could be given to related program subgroups deemed more important to better represent the feelings of the Committee about which programs were priority. Andrew Struck made note that if the survey is retaken, it is possible a different set of committee members may complete it. He noted that not all the members filled it out the first time.

Andrew Struck noted that the Committee appeared to be in favor of weighting the agricultural programs by ranking the subgroups and then ranking each individual program within a subgroup where the other related programs would not receive a weighting. He then asked how the committee would like to receive the new descriptions and survey. Bill Fleming suggested prioritizing within each program related subgroup by ranking and weighting individual agricultural programs by the agricultural subgroup rankings. Edward Miller noted that the other related program subgroups could be assigned a ranking, but would not be weighted. Andrew Struck reiterated that the new survey would include ranking each program within the subgroups, for example 1(low)-12(high) and the average ranking for each individual program would be divided by the total number of programs in the subgroup (to normalize the rankings between subgroups) and then the agricultural related program would be multiplied by the average ranking of the agricultural subgroups to create the weighting. He further stated that the other related programs would be ranked in each subgroup, but that no weighting would be applied to emphasize the importance of the agricultural related programs over the other related programs. Steve Wilkinson noted that a summary of the discussion or instructions should be sent with the new survey.

**Motion by Edward Miller and seconded by Erin Ortiz to approve Chapter VII – Implementation and associated appendices – of the Farmland Preservation Plan for Ozaukee County with further program prioritization by the revised survey as discussed. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Review, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REPORT SUMMARY OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY**

Chairman Schlenvogt asked if there were any comments on the summary of the Farmland Preservation Plan for Ozaukee County, noting that they had discussed all this information and it was just reiterated in summary form. The Committee did not have any further comments or questions.

**Motion by Mary Korte and seconded by Christine O'Neil to approve the Report Summary of the Farmland Preservation Plan for Ozaukee County as written. All members present voting aye, motion carried unanimously.**

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**7. EDUCATION, OUTREACH. AND PLANNING NEWS**

- **FIRST FRIDAY FORUM ON THE OZAUKEE COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN – FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012 AT 11:30 AM AT MATC-MEQUON**

Andrew Struck noted that the First Friday Forum was going to be on the Farmland Preservation Plan and there was a great panel of speakers including both Mary Korte and Shawn Graff from the FPP CAC. He noted it was on Friday, April 13, 2012 at MATC in Mequon at 11:30 AM.

**8. 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE - NEXT MEETING – APRIL 13, 2012**

Andrew Struck noted that the next FPP CAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 4:30 PM.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Bryan Kligora and seconded by Bill Flemming to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting aye, the motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

*Respectfully recorded and submitted by David Winston and Andrew Struck.*