



COUNTY FARM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, November 5, 2014

The County Farm Planning Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Brault, at 9:32 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, in the County Board room of the Courthouse Annex.

Members Present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Eric Evenstad, Karen Dahl, Bonnie Rath, and Shawn Redington and Bernadine Hornby.

Others in attendance were Greg Lunde, Tena Fredrickson, Herb Cornell, Jerry Cade, Jim Servais, Gary Davig, Phil Hewitt.

Affirmed proper public notice of meeting.

Review/Approve Minutes: Motion by Nickelatti/second by Hornby to approve the October 21, 2014 minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Audience to Visitors: None.

Next was Land Use Discussion: The committee noted their disappointment in that none of the City representatives or their delegates was in attendance and that only a few individuals relayed information that they would be unable to attend due to prior commitments or unforeseen circumstances. Brault took the opportunity to inform the Building & Facilities committee members of the last meeting that was held and the two properties the city was interested in purchasing. Cade asked about a service road and if access was even possible with the option along Highway 14. Hewitt stated they would probably need access from Springville Road or there about because the Department of Transportation won't allow it off of a four lane highway.

Lunde described the purpose of annexing into the city if they were to purchase the land by the salt sheds stating water and sewer lines would be a big reason for the annexation. Servais asked where the current tentative plan was for a new County Highway Department as he thought they would want to place it near the salt sheds. Servais was informed that was not ideal due to the sink holes surrounding them. Brault noted that this is all just preliminary discussion in an attempt to map out where things should go and to discuss the possibility of a land sale to the city. A short discussion was had regarding getting an appraisal on the two properties discussed. Cade noted the next County Board meeting is February 3, 2015, and suggested the Farm Planning committee meet with Building and Facilities again in December and that if an appraisal was had before the meeting, that would be helpful to get things moving so that they (Buildings & Facilities) could then get a resolution approved at their January meeting for presentation to the County Board meeting in February, as the Farm Planning Committee is only an advisory Committee and does not have the authority to present resolutions.

Brault stated perhaps at that time someone from the city may be able to join the discussion, and again noted his dismay that no one from the City came to represent them at this meeting. Rath noted she would not be available to meet on the 4th. Lunde questioned where the money for an appraisal would come and Cade suggested the Farm Account. The committee, along with County Board Chair Cornell, decided to get an appraisal scheduled, payable by the Farm Account. Hornby stated the city may be interested in both parcels however, and so questioned if both parcels should be appraised. Cornell agreed they should.

Next meeting Date: It was decided to hold a joint meeting with the Buildings & Grounds Committee and City of Viroqua Administrators on December 4, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Redington/Second by Dahl to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Tena M. Fredrickson, Corporation Counsel Administrative Assistant