

VERNON COUNTY ZONING

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VERNON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members: Jerry Cade - Chairman, Brian Richardson - Vice Chairman, Ray Moser, Francis Hynek, Richard Brose.

DATE: Tuesday, August 9, 2011

PLACE: UW Extension Meeting Room, 2nd Floor Erlandson Bldg

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting
3. Review and approve minutes from last meeting
4. Work-Income-Expense Report
5. Review and Approve bills for payment
6. 2012 Budget Proposal
7. Administrators Report
8. Next meeting September 13, 2011
9. Adjournment

**Vernon County Zoning Committee Minutes
UW Extension Meeting Room, Erlandson Building**

August 9, 2011

Members present were Jerry Cade, Brian Richardson, ay Moser, Francis Hynek and Richard Brose. Others in attendance: Susan Burkhamer, Zoning Administrator.

Cade called the meeting to order at 8:30. Burkhamer affirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed.

Hynek moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting as mailed, 2nd by Richardson with all in favor.

Burkhamer presented the Work-Income Expense report noting that July was busy and permits/soil evaluations were down 25% as compared to last year. Richardson moved to approve the monthly voucher of \$2,173.49, 2nd by Brose with all in favor.

Burkhamer presented the proposed 2012 budget noting that she reduced the revenues anticipated from sanitary permits and soil evaluations. Burkhamer noted that there was a controversy in placing the maintenance on the tax bills as a special assessment and explained how the attempt by the Trempealeau County Zoning Administrator was denied by their Corporation Counsel. Burkhamer said she felt they were confusing a special charge with a special assessment and Ch. 145.20 specifies collection of such fees as a special assessment. Burkhamer explained the process of the maintenance program as it fits into the creation of a special assessment. Hynek expressed his concern over the reports of fines and court fees he is seeing in the surrounding counties. Burkhamer said that it was the hope of our corporation counsel that when notification of non-compliance is generated from his office that compliance will be gained and fines and court costs avoided. Burkhamer went on to report that due to the wet spring and the increase in pumping in surrounding counties, the pumpers were behind schedule. Burkhamer said she has relaxed the deadlines for this year and will rethink the process to take into consideration delays beyond the landowner's control. The committee discussed several scenarios of surrounding counties demanding that older systems be replaced and agreed that unless there is a complaint or health issue, failing systems would be addressed and replaced as a function of attrition.

Burkhamer went on to explain the expense categories in the proposed 2012 budget explaining that the departments "dedicated" on-call has gone over the 600 hour limit for inclusion in WRS. Burkhamer noted that the bottom line is that there is no increase in the departments tax levy. Hynek moved to approve the 2012 budget as proposed, 2nd by Moser with all in favor.

Burkhamer gave the administrators report stating that she had received the proposed flood insurance rate maps from the DNR and an open house for presentation of the preliminary maps is scheduled for September 1 at Western Technical College from 2:30 to 4:30 for public officials and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the general public. Burkhamer passed out several pages that provided a comparison of the current flood maps, the current internal rendition of the flood maps overlaid on aerial photos and the proposed 2011 flood maps. Burkhamer said in the seven or so cases she has before her presently, most often the case is that the floodplain has become smaller in area. Burkhamer said that much more examination must be done and the DNR will be bringing the actual paper copies for the open house. Richardson inquired as to the status of the Fireman's Park with their permits. Burkhamer said that the parking lot permit had been issued and she was preparing to notify them of the requirement for an engineer's statement as to the effect of the proposed extension of the pulling track. Burkhamer said there were no current controversies in the department that needed to be addressed.

The next meeting was set for September 13, 2011 at 8:30 in the extension meeting room.

Hynek moved to adjourn, 2nd by Richardson with all in favor.
