

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN
AD HOC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Harley Reabe called the meeting of the Farmland Preservation Plan Ad-Hoc Steering Committee to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Phil Anastasi, Kalton Bauman, Allan Brooks, Nav Ghimire, Jim Hebbe, Ben Moderow, Damon Reabe, Harley Reabe, Al Shute, Rod Zietlow

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Bahn, Mike Elder, Paul Gunderson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carole DeCramer, Committee Secretary, Ken Jaworski, Martenson & Eisele

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA

On a motion by Bauman/Moderow, unanimously carried, the amended agenda was approved.

MINUTES

On a motion by Anastasi/Bauman, the July 28, 2014, minutes were approved.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN REVIEW PROCESS

Mr. Jaworski discussed the timeline for the submittal of the farmland preservation plan update. He suggested that the Farmland Preservation Plan update be adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PRELIMINARY DATCP REVIEW COMMENTS

The committee reviewed the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection's (DATCP) preliminary comments on the February Draft Farmland Preservation Plan and Maps.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EDITS AND CHANGES TO THE DRAFT FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

The committee reviewed the draft Farmland Preservation Plan and discussed the suggested DATCP recommendations as well as the additions/deletions that the committee agreed upon. They directed Jaworski to make the changes.

DIRECTION ON TOWN REVIEW PROCESS FOR DRAFT FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN AND TIMLINE FOR COUNTY COMPLETION/ADOPTION

Based on the success of the first Green Lake County Town Unit meeting, Jaworski suggested that Shute ask to be placed on the next Town Unit meeting (April 16, 2015) agenda for a final presentation of the Farmland Preservation Plan. The presentation should also include an update on the Comprehensive Plan Update process as well. The committee asked that the Draft Farmland Preservation Maps be sent to the

Towns of Manchester and Brooklyn for their final review based on DATCP suggestions. The review will involve A-2 zoned lands. Thirty days will be the deadline to conduct their reviews and respond to the county. The committee agreed with Jaworski's recommendation that the revised draft be forwarded to the Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee with changes as recorded for official submittal to DATCP.

Following the April Town Unit Meeting, a formal application will be submitted to DATCP for Farmland Preservation Plan certification by May, 2015. DATCP may respond with required changes. Mapping adjustments are likely due to parcels line adjustments, i.e. road right-of-ways. Jaworski will then contact DATCP on specific procedures to adopt the Certified Farmland Preservation Plan as part of the Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan. This will be coordinated with Green Lake Corporation Counsel Diane Meulemans. The final steps are Land Use Planning & Zoning approval and then the Green Lake County Board adoption.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Ad Hoc Committee's function has now been fulfilled. There will be no future meetings.

ADJOURN

8:25 p.m. On a motion by D. Reabe/Bauman, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

RECORDED BY

Carole DeCramer, Committee Secretary

APPROVED

Unapproved minutes of this meeting will be submitted for the record.