

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN  
AD HOC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Monday, June 23, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Bob Bahn called the meeting of the Farmland Preservation Plan Ad-Hoc Steering Committee to order at 7:02 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, Bob Bahn, Kalton Bauman, Allan Brooks, Jim Hebbe, Ben Moderow, Todd Morris (for Paul Gunderson), Al Shute

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mike Elder, Jim Fox, Nav Ghimire, Paul Gunderson, Damon Reabe, Harley Reabe, Rod Zietlow

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Carole DeCramer, Ken Jaworski, Stephanie Prellwitz, Tony Daley

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**On a motion by Bauman/Anastasi, unanimously carried, the agenda was approved and the minutes were also approved with the correction of Kalton Bauman being listed as *present* at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**CONTINUED GROUP DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING WITH RESPECT TO THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION:**

- Goals, objectives, and policies in the current Farmland Preservation Plan.
- Actions to preserve farmland and promote agricultural development.
- Discuss Farmland Preservation mapping criteria

*(Notes attached)*

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

July 28, 2015      7:00 p.m.  
January 8, 2015    7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

**9:04 p.m. On a motion by Anastasi/Bauman, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

**RECORDED BY**

Carole DeCramer, Committee Secretary

**APPROVED**

July 28, 2014

## Meeting Notes

**Green Lake County Farmland Preservation Plan  
Ad-Hoc Steering Committee  
Monday, June 23, 2014, 7:00 PM  
County Government Center, 571 County Road A  
West Wing Training Room**

### **Farmland Preservation Plan Mapping Criteria.**

After Ken's presentation, the Committee discussed mapping criteria for the entire County. Criteria can be different from Town to Town. However, the criteria must be objective and not based on land owner preference.

After much discussion, the following was recommended:

For the Six Towns currently under County Zoning: (Berlin, Brooklyn, Green Lake, Mackford, Manchester & Marquette)

- Existing Zoning delineates well both areas of agricultural activity and non-agricultural development. The A-1 Exclusive Agricultural District will be used as the prime criteria to designate area for farmland preservation. The A-1 district includes large contiguous tracks of both working farmland, pasture, forestry and open space.

For the Four Towns without Zoning: (Kingston, Princeton, Saint Marie, Seneca)

Criteria will be mapped by layers. The layers of information will be presented to the Towns. The criteria are as follows:

- Working farmland: Parcels greater than 8 acres that have 50% or more of working farmland.
- Additional agriculture, forest and open space land within the contiguous ownership border of identified working farmland parcels.
- Additional agriculture, forest and open space land on parcels greater than 8 acres that were not captured by the prior two criteria.
- All State and Federally owned property.

Eight acres was selected as the minimum parcel size because it aligns with the A-2 General Agricultural district minimum size requirement within the County Zoning Ordinance and provides for agricultural uses only.

The City of Berlin will also need to be contacted to find out if they have any areas they would like to identify for farmland preservation within the City boundaries.

Sanitary District boundaries and sewer service areas should be excluded.

Discussion on whether to "exclude" parcels along the lakes and streams as a means to protect water quality was not supported by the Ad-Hoc Committee. Farmers must follow nutrient management plans geared to reduced phosphorus under the farmland preservation program which addresses the concern.