

GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
Business Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Sue McConnell called the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Green Lake County Courthouse, County Board Room, Green Lake, Wisconsin. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: **Orville Biesenthal, Sue McConnell, Gus Mueller, Howard Sell, Wallace Williams**

Absent:

Also Present: **Al Shute, County Surveyor/Land Development Director**
Carole DeCramer, Committee Secretary
Orrin Helmer, County Board Chairman
Jeff Haase, Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Sell/Mueller, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mueller/Biesenthal, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of July 11, 2007. Motion carried.

UPDATE OF GRAND RIVER COOPERATIVE LAND USE PERMITS

Shute – Explained that, after the last meeting, he discussed with Assistant Corporation Counsel Jeff Haase the cooperative's conditional use permit request and how the committee would be adding conditions to a use that is already permitted. Haase agreed that the department should issue the permit, given that it is an existing operation, and then the committee could deal with the conditions of the conditional use permit.

Haase – Stated that this was a way to speed up the process and a way to maintain some control over it.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Nancy Hill, Green Lake Association, regarding violations and enforcement.

Nancy Hill – Requested the committee give her a better understanding as to the violations and penalties that are issued by the department. She asked who determines there is a violation, the amount of the penalty, and the action to rectify what incurred the penalty.

Shute – Explained that the penalties/violations are noticed in two ways: 1) citizens will call and question what is going on, and 2) the department will recognize those through the normal course of traveling through the county. The information is discussed within the department and a decision is made as to whether or not there is a violation. If there is a violation, a written notice is sent to the landowner telling them what it is and that they should contact us. In the case where there is a monetary penalty, the county board has approved for the Planning & Zoning Department a citation program. For some cases, the penalty that was assessed was generally given to the department by the corporation counsel's office. The department determines compliance and the property owner is notified either through registered mail, publication, or a

process server. If we don't hear from them, we send a reminder with a new time frame. After that, the issue is referred to the corporation counsel for legal action. We, ultimately, want to see compliance with the ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion/action on NR115 – Resolution for Opposition of State Adoption

Shute – This is the third summer that the DNR is working on revising the administrative rules (NR 115) that guide what goes into a shoreland protection ordinance. There was a set of public hearings last summer and then they took the winter to think about it. Now there will be another set of public hearings. Vilas County has sent each county a copy of a resolution that they adopted on July 19, 2007, opposing the NR 115 revisions.

Motion by Mueller/Williams, unanimously carried, to prepare a resolution recommending opposition to the proposed NR 115 and forward on to the County Board for action. Motion carried.

PURCHASES – None

CLAIMS

Claims totaling \$102.11 were submitted.

Motion by Williams/Mueller, unanimously carried, to approve the claims in the amount of \$102.11 for payment. Motion carried.

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION 2008 BUDGET

Shute provided each of the committee members with a copy of the proposed 2008 budget.

Motion by Biesenthal/Sell, unanimously carried, to approve the 2008 proposed budget and forward to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

SPACE NEEDS DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION

Shute – Reviewed the motion from the county board regarding committees discussing each department's space needs. Shute gave each of the committee members a report that he prepared containing five studies, from 1990, 1997, 2001, 2003, and 2006. The proposed square footages ranged from 1,432 square feet to 5,799 square feet. Shute stated that he thought Potter Lawon's estimate of 2,913 square feet seemed reasonable and adequate to provide a good work space.

The committee requested that this be placed on the next meeting agenda which would give them more time to review the report.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – JUNE, 2007

On a motion by Mueller/Biesenthal, unanimously carried, to approve the June report. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Work on agricultural districts, amend.

Shute – A draft copy of the agricultural districts was given to each committee member. Shute proposes to narrow the agricultural districts to two – farmland preservation and then everything else would fall into another ag district. The committee may decide to add an additional district or two. As a starting point the committee will look at just prime agriculture and then everything else. This will be placed on the next business meeting agenda.

Moratorium on wind energy permits; review and recommend approval of moratorium ordinance.

Shute – This is something that is gaining momentum every month and will cause the committee to amend the zoning ordinance in order to get standards for these facilities. It will take time to develop these standards and have reasonable protection for people who live in close proximity to the windmills. Shute proposed a twelve-month moratorium on wind energy permits enabling the committee to develop the necessary standards and amend the ordinance.

Motion by Mueller/Sell, unanimously carried, to recommend approval of the proposed moratorium ordinance and forward to the County Board for action. Motion carried.

GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

a. Such other matters as authorized by law

NEXT MEETINGS DATES

August 8, 2007 – Public Hearing – 6 pm

August 22, 2007 – Business Meeting – 6 pm

ADJOURN

Motion by Williams/Biesenthal, unanimously carried, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Carole DeCramer
Committee Secretary

APPROVED:

August 22, 2007