

The Environment and Land Use Committee met in Room A-200 of the Administration Center.

Present: Supervisors Richart, Hazelwood, Niehaus and Leider. Staff: County Administrator Meaux, PRLM Director Holschbach, 4-H Youth Development Agent Schroeder, UW Extension Director O'Neil, Family Living Educator Lepeska and County Clerk Winkelhorst.

Absent: Supervisor Sopko

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairperson Richart at 10:00 A.M. Assurance that the meeting was properly noticed, so noted by Ms. Winkelhorst. Motion made by Supervisor Niehaus, seconded by Supervisor Hazelwood to adopt the agenda as revised. Supervisor Leider questioned as to why two original items were taken off of the revised agenda. Mr. Meaux explained the procedure regarding agendas. Supervisor Niehaus requested to discuss the request to fill the vacancy for the 4-H Youth Development position that was taken off the agenda. Discussion on the adoption of the agenda and the reason for it. Vice-Chairperson Richart stated that it can be discussed under UW Extension management reports further in the agenda. The vote was then taken on the adoption of agenda as revised. The majority of the members present voting aye. Motion carried. (3-1) Leider opposed.

Supervisor Leider stated that by not going forward with the 4-H position would eliminate the summer camp for the 4-H group as this position is a very important part of that. Discussion on holding another meeting to address this issue. It will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Public Comments/Correspondence and Communications: There was no public comment.

Supervisor Leider asked who was sitting on the Fairgrounds Ad-Hoc Committee meeting. Mr. Hazelwood stated that there is a quorum issue as there are three members of this committee so it will have to be noticed. Further discussion on the Ad-Hoc Committee and who may be in attendance. The meeting on January 7 is more of an organizational meeting. Mr. Meaux stated that Supervisors Sopko, Niehaus, Hazelwood and Uselding, Public Works Director Dreblow, a 4-H representative and possibly an Agricultural Society representative.

Supervisor Leider distributed a copy of an article from the Random Lake Souder on the steam locomotive that ran on the tracks through Random Lake as part of the Santa Steam Train promotion.

Approve Minutes of the December 5 & 7, 2007 Meetings: Motion made by Supervisor Niehaus, seconded by Supervisor Leider to approve the December 5 & 7 minutes as written. Supervisor Leider questioned the accuracy of the motion regarding the creation of the Ad-Hoc committee. Supervisor Leider had requested that the clerk review the minutes before the meeting. Ms. Winkelhorst reviewed what was on the tape and stated that the motion was clarified at the end of the meeting. Supervisor Niehaus and Supervisor Hazelwood agreed with the minutes as written confirming what the intent was regarding the committee and the intent of the building. The vote was then taken on the motion to accept the minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (4-0).

Vice-Chairperson Richart requested to move ahead in the agenda. There were no objections.

Planning, Resources & Land Management Department Items:

Management/Financial/Organizational Reports: Mr. Holschbach informed the committee that the Sanitation & Zoning Specialist has resigned. In the 2008 budget a position was eliminated from the Sanitation & Zoning area. This person was assigned to the Land Conservation area. Now that the person in sanitation has resigned Mr. Holschbach would like to put the transferred employee back into the Sanitation & Zoning area and request to fill the Soil & Water Conservationist position. Mr. Holschbach presented the 2008 organizational chart that was approved in the budget. Mr. Holschbach stated that the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture provides Ozaukee County approximately \$160,000 per year for staff office support. There are several commitments that need to be honored in the Land Conservation area. Mr. Meaux stated that he supports Mr. Holschbach's recommendation. Mr. Holschbach would like to keep this moving. Discussion on meeting before County Board on January 16. It is the consensus of all of the members present to have this meeting to address this issue.

Supervisor Hazelwood stated that Mr. Holschbach's department revenues were under budget by \$29,000 and expenses were lower by \$135,000. He complimented Mr. Holschbach on the job he has done with his budget.

Supervisor Leider reported that the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) has changed their fee structure. Mr. Holschbach explained that the WLWCA is looking to model their dues structure after the Wisconsin Counties Association which is based on the county's equalized value. The dues have been \$950 for the last several years and for 2009 they will go up to \$1,353.83.

Mr. Holschbach reported on the WLWCA conference and said he found it very informational. He would like to encourage the members of the committee to attend next year.

Mr. Holschbach stated that he didn't hear about any Emerald Ash Borer sightings. Discussion.

Register of Deeds/Land Information Items:

No Agenda Items

Vice-Chairperson Richart reverted back in the agenda.

Planning & Parks Items:

Management Reports: Planning & Parks Director Struck, now in attendance, reported on the First Friday Forum meeting this morning. He also reported that the public information hearings for the Comprehensive Plan would be held on February 4 at the Village of Belgium, February 6 at the City of Mequon, February 18 at the Administration Center and February 25 at the Village of Grafton. These meetings will be to gather input on the final stages of the Comprehensive Plan before it is adopted. Discussion on future changes to the Comprehensive Plan and zoning changes.

UW-Extension Items:

Input from Environment and Land Use Committee on Extension Priority Issues of Local Concern: Mr. O'Neil explained that as a follow-up to the visioning session Chairperson

Sopko had asked if a similar process was done on the other three program areas of the Extension Department. Every four years a complete community needs assessment process is done. This has been going on over the last two months. The goal today is to present the results and gather input from the committee as to what is seen as priorities for programs in each of the three program areas.

Mr. O'Neil reported that information is gathered in several different ways. Input can be done through phone surveys, organizations and meetings that are regularly held, computerized emails to reply and in his particular area there is a day session with Sheboygan and Washington County. At the day session input is gathered from agricultural business owners, lenders that work with the agricultural community, farmers, custom operators and business that serve the agricultural community. At this session input is gathered and then prioritized the primary areas of concern for the tri-county area. There are four agricultural positions in the tri-county area.

Mr. O'Neil reviewed the assessment citing urban/rural issues & relationships, manure management, employee management, urban sprawl/land use and financial management as being the top five areas of concern.

Ms. Lepeska and Ms. Schroeder put a general survey together in a broader group area with input coming from citizens/taxpayers that represent the public health department, county, district attorney, credit union employees, bankers, caregivers, home and community education members, senior center director, financial volunteers, school superintendent, county organizations and agency directors, chamber director, workforce development, 4-H families/leaders and senior citizens. A list was compiled of the major concerns facing Ozaukee County and major challenges facing families, elderly, youth, business and industry, environment, agriculture, government, schools and the 4-H program.

Discussion on the input results. Vice-Chairperson Richart stated that there are a lot of things that relate to comprehensive planning. Mr. O'Neil stated their job is to look at the areas that have been identified, look at UW Extension's role and their role in the county, which areas are higher ranked in each of the program areas and select those that they can have an impact on. Over the next week or so Mr. O'Neil will be gathering information on the top five issues to submit for Ozaukee County. Mr. Struck commented that many of the Extension programs are reemphasized within the Comprehensive Plan.

Update on Community Resource Development Vacancy: This was posted on December 28 and this committee will be the final hiring body for this position. The closing date is around February 12. Mr. O'Neil explained the recruitment process.

Management/Financial/Organizational Reports: Mr. O'Neil provided information on the upcoming Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committee annual business meeting will be held on Friday, February 29 at the Public Agency Center in West Bend. Ms. Schroeder announced her retirement effective March 3rd. She expressed her concern for the 4-H camp program as this is the largest leadership program and the need to begin the process to fill her position so that this camp will be able to go on as planned. Ms. Schroeder further explained the planning involved in this particular program. Mr. O'Neil explained the timeline of the hiring process. Supervisor Leider questioned as to whether Ms. Schroeder could be kept on to assist with the camp project. Mr. Meaux stated that is a possibility. The important thing is to look as to whether this position should be filled under the same scope of the job that it currently is.

Supervisor Niehaus is in support of continuing this position. Discussion on including this in the meeting on January 16 prior to County Board and retaining Ms. Schroeder in the interim. Consensus of the committee to meet at 8:00 AM on January 16 to address this position and the Soil and Water Conservationist position.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 16 – 8:00 AM

Regular scheduled meeting - Friday, February 8 – 8:30 AM

Adjournment: Motion made by Supervisor Leider, seconded by Supervisor Hazelwood to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

*Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk*