

AD HOC FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 14, 2020

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Farmland Preservation Plan Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, in Rooms G and H of the City-County Government Center.

Frank Bartzen: 6:30-9:10 p.m.
Sara Bonlender: 6:30-9:10 p.m.
Shelly Hiemstra: 6:30-9:10 p.m.
John Ruedinger: 6:30-9:10 p.m.
Bill Wiese: 6:30-9:10 p.m.

John Bertram: 6:30-9:10 p.m.
Richard Guell: Absent
Joe Loehr: Absent
Steve Smits Excused

Also present were Ken Jaworski, Jeff Kussow, John Scopelliti, Paul Tollard and Terry Dietzel. Present on the conference call was Tina Kohlman.

1. Call meeting to order.

Land Information Director Terry Dietzel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll call and introductions.

Roll call was taken and attendees gave introductions.

3. Committee chair and vice chair selection.

Mr. Dietzel called for nominations for committee chair. Motion (Hiemstra/Bartzen) to elect John Ruedinger as chair. There were no other nominations. There was a unanimous vote to elect Mr. Ruedinger as chair.

Chair Ruedinger took over the meeting.

Chair Ruedinger requested nominations for vice chair. Motion (Wiese/Bertram) to elect Shelly Hiemstra as vice chair. There were no other nominations. There was a unanimous vote to elect Ms. Hiemstra as vice chair.

4. Members of the public who wish to address the committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the committee chair, as set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order."

There was no public comment.

5. Data gathering and agriculture trend analysis of the work plan for the Farmland Preservation Plan update. Ad hoc committee to provide input in the following areas:

- a. Agriculture land use trends that could impact the agricultural economy.
- b. Issues, barriers and opportunities that could impact the growth, transportation and processing of commodities in the Fond du Lac County region. Specifically, this meeting will be held to discuss the current conditions and needs of the county's agriculture infrastructure.
- c. Recommend any revisions to the current criteria for mapping farmland preservation areas.

Cedar Corporation gave a presentation regarding the update process for Fond du Lac County's Farmland Preservation Plan. PowerPoint presented to the committee and handed out in hard copy form as reference. See attachment.

Committee reviewed and discussed the criteria in the county's 2012 plan used to designate areas of agricultural use and agricultural related use. Motion (Bartzen/Bertram) to use the same criteria. Motion carried.

Areas of Agricultural Use and Agricultural Related Use

- Farmland shown as "Planned Agriculture" in town comprehensive plans
- Farmland currently and historically farmed, grazed or used for forestry
- Farmland currently zoned "Agriculture" or "Exclusive Agriculture"
- Existing land uses complimentary to farming
- State and federal owned property managed for forestry, habitat conservation and recreation purposes that have been planned and zoned as "Agriculture" or "Exclusive Agriculture"
- Farmland expected to stay in farming over the next 15 years

Committee reviewed and discussed the criteria in the county's 2012 plan used to designate areas of non-agricultural development. Motion (Bartzen/Hiemstra) to use the same criteria. Motion carried.

Excluded

- Land within incorporated municipalities (villages and cities)
- Land planned for uses other than agriculture and open space in the town comprehensive plans over the next 15 years
- Land within a defined Sewer Service Area Planning boundary of a city, village or town sanitary district
- Land zoned for intensive uses other than agriculture
- Clustered non-farm residential lots within agricultural areas
- State and federal owned property managed for forestry, habitat conservation and recreation purposes that has been planned and zoned as a "Conservancy District"

Committee then went through a SWOT exercise with Cedar Corporation to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. See attached document.

6. Future agenda items and meeting date.

7. Adjournment.

Motion (Ruedinger/Bartzen) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Dietzel