ZLR Farmland Preservation Plan Subcommittee Minutes
March 21, 2011 REVISED

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ZONING & LAND REGULATION COMMITTEE
FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE
Dane County Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2011 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hendrick, Lauber, Jensen, Welsh, Clausius

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richmond

OTHERS PRESENT: Standing, Caryl Terell

CONTACT: Brian Standing, (608)-267-4115, standing@countyofdane.com

I. CALL TO ORDER
Hendrick called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm in Room 354 of the City-County Building.

II. BUSINESS
1. Approve minutes from 1/24/2011 meeting. Motion by Welsh/Lauber to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion carried.

2. Public comment. None.

3. Review and possible recommendation on draft Farmland Preservation Plan policy language.

   Standing distributed a 3/21/2011 draft of proposed Farmland Preservation Plan policies. Copies of this document, with subcommittee changes recommended below, is available online at: http://www.countyofdane.com/plandev/planning/farm_preservation.aspx or by contacting Brian Standing. Standing also noted that he had e-mail correspondence with Keith Foye of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) on 3/16 and 3/17.

   Welsh proposed adding language to consider the creation of a transaction grant program to assist successful PACE applicants with transaction and other costs not covered by state or federal grant programs. Staff will draft appropriate language and insert into the PACE Program policies on pp. 13-14. No objection, passes by general consensus.

   Motion by Welsh/Hendrick to direct staff to make additional edits as recommended by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection in their 3/16 and 3/17/2011 e-mails to staff. Motion passes.

   Motion by Jensen/Clausius to remove “hydric soils” from siting criteria language in paragraph 3a on page 9, and from Resource Protection Corridor Overlay descriptions on page 20. Motion passes 4-1 (Hendrick no).

   Welsh proposed adding language regarding support for a packing and wholesale facility for fresh produce under General Goals and Policies for Agricultural and Enterprise Development, paragraph 3d on page 3. Staff will draft appropriate language and insert. No objection, passes by general consensus.

   Motion by Lauber/Jensen to delete language beginning with “Future priorities identified by the Task Force…” and ending with “…Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)” under Task Force for Prioritized Revision of Chapter 10 (Zoning Ordinance) on page 4. Motion passes.

   Motion by Welsh/Hendrick to direct staff to make additional edits as recommended by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection in their 3/16 and 3/17/2011 e-mails to staff. Motion passes.
Motion by Welsh/Hendrick to recommend the policy portion of the plan, as amended, to the Zoning and Land Regulations Committee. Motion passes.

4. Review timeframe for completion of data and background portions of the plan. Brian Standing discussed the timeframe for completion of the Land Use Inventory and other information required under Chapter 91 and said that it may take until May to compile. Standing said that would still keep the process on track. By general consensus, the subcommittee directed staff to complete the background and data portions of the plan as soon as practicable and to share it with subcommittee members.

5. Discuss next steps, stakeholders, public input and county board process. By general consensus, the subcommittee recommended that staff meet with the Dane County Towns Association and the Farm Bureau to discuss the content of the proposed plan. Further public input, hearings or other public input opportunities should be at the discretion of ZLR Chair Patrick Miles, or the full ZLR committee.

6. Set date, location and agenda for next meeting. No meeting scheduled at this time. Chair Hendrick will schedule another meeting, if necessary, to discuss subcommittee member comments on data and background portions of the proposed Farmland Preservation Plan, or if directed to reconvene by the ZLR Committee.

III. ADJOURN

Motion by Jensen/Lauber to adjourn at 6:10 pm. Motion carried.