

**PDR/PACE Vision Workgroup  
Monday February 1, 2010, 4:30 P.M.  
Planning & Development Agency Conference Room  
Rock County Courthouse**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Alan Sweeney, Richard Bostwick, John Lader, Neil Deupree, Julie Backenkeller, Steve Schraufnagel, Carrie Houston, Wade Thompson, Tom Sweeney, Randy Thompson.

**Excused:** Ron Combs

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of Agenda:** Neil Deupree motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by John Lader. **Motion Carried.**
- 3) **Approval of the January 11, 2010 minutes:** John Lader motioned to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2010 meeting as presented, Neil Deupree seconded. **Motion Carried.**
- 4) **Follow up to January 18, 2010 Ad Hoc Meeting:** Carrie Houston discussed the Eligibility criteria, especially as it relates to the proposed joint application, or 35-acre minimum. Wade Thompson discussed the LESA weighting system as proposed. John Lader and Julie Backenkeller discussed the quality of the survey that was distributed at the Ad Hoc Meeting. Chair Sweeney stated that he found parts of the survey to be difficult. Neil Deupree stated that during the breakout session to work on the survey, very good discussion occurred within the group he was assigned to. Julie Backenkeller discussed the issue of eligibility of lands that may be in a city's planned area.
- 5) **Final eligibility requirements and draft of eligibility map:** Carrie Houston stated this would be readied for the next Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.
- 6) **Development pressure criteria/factor and ad hoc committee small group exercise:** Wade Thompson discussed the development issue as it relates to the LESA program. It was noted by Thompson that LESA might not be able to decipher distances, and hence the eligibility criteria of 3 miles/2miles from a city/village. Since the Ad Hoc Committee did not accept this criteria component, we should review methods to account for this issue. Wade stated he would like to have members of the Ad Hoc Committee identify areas, on a County Map, which they think should be protected.
- 7) **Update of State PACE program development:** Wade Thompson distributed copies of the newest state criteria for the PACE program. He noted that it appears the State accepted the Rock County comments as they are integrated into the newest version of the Criteria. Tom Sweeney stated that this issue should be held off.

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- 8) **Review, discuss, and follow-up on January 20, 2010 WLI meeting:** Steve Schraufnagel stated that 17 out of 20 towns were represented at the meeting. Many concerns by townships have surfaced regarding this meeting. Tom Sweeney and Wade Thompson attended the Rock County Towns Association meeting on January 21, 2010 and answered regarding WLI questions. Chair Sweeney discussed updating the Farmland Preservation Program comprehensive map.
- 9) **Other Business:** Chair Sweeney wished to start the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 3:30 pm. This will provide the Ad Hoc with a two-hour window to accomplish its goals for the day. Steve Schraufnagel will send out post cards to all Ad Hoc Members with the new start time.
- 10) **Next Meeting Date, Time and Location:** The next meeting date for the PACE Vision Group was set for Monday, March 22, 2010 at 4:30 pm, Planning and Development Office Conference Room.
- 11) **Adjournment:** The Vision Workgroup adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist