

**PDR/PACE Vision Workgroup
Monday, March 22, 2010, 4:30 P.M.
Planning & Development Agency Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse**

Meeting Minutes

Present: John Lader, Neil Deupree, Julie Backenkeller, Bob Fizzell, Ron Combs, Alan Sweeney, Richard Bostwick, Kerry Hull, Ray Henschler, Steve Schraufnagel, Carrie Houston, Wade Thompson, Tom Sweeney, Randy Thompson, Paul Benjamin, and Jennifer Borlick.

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order:** Vice Chair Lader called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of Agenda:** Ron Combs motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Julie Beckenkeller. **Motion Carried.**
- 3) **Approval of the February 1, 2010 minutes:** Rich Bostwick motioned to approve the minutes for the February 1, 2010 meeting as presented, John Lader seconded. **Motion Carried.**
- 4) **Eligibility map and criteria:** Carrie Houston distributed the draft eligibility map. Houston lead a discussion as to the process used to develop this draft. Houston referred to the poster that showed each criterion-mapped independent of the next and the composite of criteria map a.k.a. draft eligibility map. A lengthy discussion ensued on the draft version. The discussion centered on the inclusion of lands within the cities "2035" comprehensive plan mapped area. Tom Sweeney stated a compromise could be struck with a caveat "Lands not identified on the eligibility map will remain eligible if the landowner, county, and the local unit of government controlling the land agree to allow the easement application." Chair Sweeney stated that staff would develop the final disclaimer language and bring back to the Vision Workgroup for discussion and approval. Staff will develop a booklet of the maps represented on the poster (eligibility criteria) for distribution at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Carrie Houston explained the issue centered on criteria for landowners with less than 35 acres with a combined application. The Federal and State requires that each landowner requesting an easement complete an application.
- 5) **LESA weighting exercise results:** Wade Thompson distributed the exercise results and discussed the factors for the weighting. Wade Thompson noted that the Land Evaluation (LE) component might have too much weight as shown in the result averages. Wade then referred to page two of the document packet. Professor Tom Daniel, University of Pennsylvania stated the LE component of LESA should reflect no more than 50% of the weight of LESA, thus the Site Assessment (SA) should reflect 50%+. Discussion centered on the methods to reflect this need for LESA to run properly. A consensus of the group was to further educate the AD HOC Committee concerning this issue. Also, Wade Thompson will bring a recommended weight to the committee and present.
- 6) **LESA scoring scales and exercise:** Wade Thompson distributed a document LESA Factor Scoring Scales. Wade Thompson discussed that he and Carrie Houston developed the information contained, recommendations. Wade handed out a blank copy of the same document. Discussion on the merits of bringing a recommendation to the committee or have the committee complete an exercise

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associated with the development of scoring scales for LESA. A consensus to bring recommendations to the committee was reached.

- 7) **Program development milestones and timeline:** Carrie Houston distributed a copy of the timeline for the PACE Program. Discussion on the issue of Post LESA factors was discussed. The issue of items that LESA cannot account for and need to be addressed for PACE to function, such as adjustment for distance from development, might come up. Staff will keep the workgroup up-to-date on this issue.
- 8) **Other Business:** Vice Chair Lader stated that DATCP is conducting an AEA meeting this Wednesday in Fond du Lac. Wade Thompson discussed the next AD HOC Committee agenda draft.
- 9) **Next Meeting Date, Time and Location:** The next meeting date for the PACE Vision Group was set for Wednesday March 31, 2010 at 4:30 pm, Planning and Development Office Conference Room.
- 10) **Adjournment:** Rich Bostwick motioned to adjourn the PACE Vision Workgroup at 6:02 pm, seconded by John Lader. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

Minutes are not official until adopted by the PACE Vision Workgroup.