



**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY PDR/PACE AD HOC COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009, 2:30 P.M.**  
**COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**COURTHOUSE, JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sweeney called the meeting of the PDR/PACE Ad Hoc Committee to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Alan Sweeney, Julie Backenkeller, Rich Bostwick, Ramona Flanigan, Julie Christenson, Ronald Combs, Neil Deupree, Scott Farrington, Mark Gunn, Raymond Henschler, Fred Hookham, Don Jones, John Lader, Doug Marklein, Archie Morton, Dave Rebout, and Wade Sweger.

**Committee Members Excused:** Bill Barlass, Brad Cantrell, Todd Schmidt, Charley Rusch.

**Staff Present:** Tom Sweeney, LCD; Randy Thompson, UWEX; Steve Schraufnagel, Planning; Carrie Houston, Planning; Mary Robb, Planning; Wade Thomson, Planning;

**Others Present:** Mary Mawhinney, Board of Supervisors.

2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Chair Sweeney entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Bostwick motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Combs. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Chair Sweeney entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 18, 2009 meeting. Bostwick motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Deupree. Neil Deupree had a couple minor grammatical corrections that were submitted to Tom. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.** Chair Sweeney noted a few members have not submitted names for alternate committee members. The staff would appreciate if those would be forwarded to either LCD or Planning Staff. To get mileage reimbursement, the county needs W-2s. If you are interested in mileage reimbursement be sure to get the W-2s into the county.
5. **Introduction to the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) Program**

Wade Thompson, Planner, Rock County, introduced the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) Program concept, designed to identify and prioritize lands eligible for inclusion in the Rock County PACE Program. Wade stated that the committee would be tasked with developing the County's LESA Program, including factors, factor scoring scales, factor weights, and the significance of a LESA score.

Committee members asked various questions about the LESA Program concept including if similar programs were used elsewhere, if the committee would be developing the system, if parcels of various size would be eligible, and how the weighting system works. Wade answered the various questions.

Wade went on to present maps displaying various characteristics of lands in the County. Various committee members asked questions regarding the maps, including differentiating between various soil types, the definition of common land units, extra-territorial jurisdiction areas, easement terms, soils and septic suitability, the definition of areas on the County's

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agricultural preservation map, and the potential of using cost as a LESA factor. Wade answered these questions.

Alan Sweeney, Committee Chairman, then opened the floor to any questions. Committee members asked various questions regarding the proximity of lands to cities and villages, and whether that land should be protected, extra-territorial jurisdiction areas, and WDOT road projects and their effects on the Program. Chair Sweeney, Carrie Houston, Planner, Rock County, and Wade answered these questions. Chair Sweeney then stated we would be taking a five-minute break.

After the meeting was reconvened, Carrie explained that the committee would begin discussions regarding the LESA Program's desired land characteristics. Carrie split the committee into groups to begin this discussion by having them list their top five desired land characteristics.

Carrie then went around the room and asked the groups to state their top five land characteristics. Carrie then distributed a questionnaire to the Committee, listing various land characteristics. The individual committee members then completed the questionnaire. Carrie stated at the next committee meeting she will present the questionnaire results for discussion.

Chair Sweeney thanked Carrie and stated the next committee meeting will be October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and asked for a motion to adjourn.

6. **Adjournment.** Bostwick motioned to adjourn the Ad Hoc Committee meeting, seconded by Rebut. The Committee adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney  
County Conservationist

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