

**PDR/PACE Vision Workgroup**  
**Monday January 11, 2009, 4:30 P.M.**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Planning & Development Agency Conference Room**  
**Rock County Courthouse**

**Present:** Alan Sweeney, Randy Thompson, Carrie Houston, Neil Deupree, Ron Combs, Steve Schraufnagel, John Lader, Wade Thompson, Tom Sweeney, Scott Farrington, Larry Wiedenfeld, and Robert Fizzell.

**Excused:** Richard Bostwick and Julie Backenkeller.

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of the December 14, 2009 minutes:** John Lader motioned to approve the minutes for the December 14, 2009 meeting as presented, Ron Combs seconded. **Motion Approved.**
- 3) **Prepare and finalize Agenda for the January 18, 2010 Ad Hoc Meeting:**  
Carrie Houston discussed the eligibility criterion of +35 acre. After a long discussion on the pros and cons of this criterion, it was decided that the group would support deleting from the eligibility check list with the following caveats: 1) a landowner with less than the stated 35+ acres would need to apply with a landowner whom had more than 35 acres in the application and 2) that no more than one landowner be allowed to "shirt tail" an application. Randy Thompson discussed the proposed eligibility criterion that specifically eliminates large sections of townships. Tom Sweeney stated he was to contact Peggie James, NRCS specialist for the FRPP to determine the NRCS definition regarding regional vs. targeted development pressure. The answer is the application a countywide definition and we should consider development outside our boundaries. With this new information, it was decided by the vision group to drop this criterion. Carrie Houston will put the final list together and present to the Ad Hoc Committee.  
  
Wade Thompson discussed the Preliminary LESA factor weighting system that he will present to the Ad Hoc Committee. Wade passed out the exercise that will be presented to the Ad Hoc Committee. Chair Sweeney stated that the vision group should fill out the exercise prior to Ad Hoc Committee to provide guidance. Wade Thompson stated that this exercise would require that the Ad Hoc Committee break into 4-5 groups. After a discussion, the Vision Group assigned this task to the Planning Staff.
- 4) **Other Business:** Chair Sweeney extended his appreciation to the Planning staff for a job well done at the last Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Chair Sweeney asked John Lader to explain La Prairie townships efforts regarding the Agricultural Enterprise Area petition to DATCP. John Lader explained the status of this petition.
- 5) **Next Meeting Date, Time and Location:** The next meeting date for the PACE Vision Group was set for Monday, February 1, 2010 at 4:30 pm, Planning and Development Office Conference Room.
- 6) **Adjournment:** The Vision Workgroup adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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