



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY PDR/PACE AD HOC COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010, 3:30 P.M.
COUNTY COURTHOUSE - CONFERENCE ROOM 250
JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sweeney called the meeting of the PDR/PACE Ad Hoc Committee to order at 3:33 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chair Alan Sweeney, Charley Rusch, Fred Hookham, Neil Deupree, Ramona Flanigan, Neil Walter, Doug Marklein, Dean Connell, Bill Barlass, Mike Mullikan, Julie Backenkeller, Archie Morton, Dave Rebut, Don Jones, Brad Cantrell, Rich Bostwick, and Todd Schmidt.

Committee Members Absent: John Lader, Scott Farrington, and Julie Christenson

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD; Steve Schraufnagel, Planning; Carrie Houston, Planning; and Wade Thompson, Planning.

Others Present: Ron Schwartzlow, Green Co.; Vicki Elkin, DATCP; Phil Hamilton, Rock County Towns Association; Alvin Francis, Town of Union; Sharon Hargarten, Town of Bradford; Mike Carlson, Gathering Waters Conservancy; Harold Hanuska, Town of Harmony.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Chair Sweeney entertained a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Combs motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Barlass. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Chair Sweeney entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 18, 2010 meeting. Jones motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Deupree. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.** None.
5. **Update on State PACE program – Vicki Elkin, DATCP.** Chair Sweeney introduced Vicki Elkin. Elkin gave the committee a brief introduction to her background with the PACE program. DATCP will be releasing a call for proposals from County's for the first round of PACE in the near future. Elkin noted that between 2-4 million dollars would be released this cycle. Elkin continued her discussion referencing the state eligibility criteria, specifically noting the system has been tested on four parcels and how the overall criteria was developed.
6. **Finalize LESA factor weighting system small group exercise – Wade Thompson, Planning;** Thompson gave a brief review of the LESA score and the LESA factor weights. After the review, the Ad Hoc Committee assembled into the same breakout groups as formed for the January 18, 2010 meeting to complete the LESA Factors Weighting Exercise.
The Ad Hoc Committee reconvened at 4:35 p.m.
7. **Final Eligibility Map – Carrie Houston, Planning**
Houston reviewed the final list of program eligibility criteria used to develop the final eligibility map. She reviewed each of the final criteria; 1) Located in Agricultural Preservation Area, per County's *Farmland Preservation Plan: 2005 Update* map; 2) In

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private ownership but not owned by a conservation entity, and not currently protected through another agreement designed to maintain open space use in perpetuity; 3) Natural Resource Conservation Service land evaluation soil score of 60 or greater; 4) 35 acres* or larger, with at least 50% classified as workland (*More than one property owner, with less than 35 acres each, may file a joint application for an area of land totaling 35 acres or larger. However, if a property is less than 35 acres AND does NOT abut any parcels under 35 acres in size, they may then file a joint application with an adjacent parcel that is 35 acres or larger); and 5) Not currently within any Town/Village/City planned development areas (per Town/City/Village comprehensive plans) or existing sewer service area. Houston distributed the map and stated that the map is the first draft.

8. **Questions and Discussion** – Chair Sweeney asked if there was any questions, hearing none, moved onto the next item.
9. **Future Meeting Date** – Chair Sweeney recommended April 5, 2010 with a 3:30 p.m. start time as the next meeting date.
10. **Adjournment:** Rebut motioned to adjourn the PDR/PACE Ad Hoc Committee at 4:47 p.m., seconded by Deupree. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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