

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY**  
**LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**  
Business Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Sue McConnell called the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Green Lake County Courthouse, County Board Room, Green Lake, Wisconsin. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: **Sue McConnell, Howard Sell, Wallace Williams**

Absent: **Orville Biesenthal, Gus Mueller**

Also Present: **Al Shute**, County Surveyor/Land Development Director  
**Carole DeCramer**, Committee Secretary  
**Orrin Helmer**, County Board Chairman  
**Jeff Haase**, Assistant Corporation Counsel

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Williams/Sell, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Williams/Sell, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of October 24, 2007, and November 7, 2007. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Attorney Maureen Martin, Town of Princeton, with Attorney Nathan Olson, Associated with Attorney Matthew Chier, Chier Law Office, Berlin, co-counselors for Howalds and Kneesels, neighbors of the Crosby property - Invited to attend by Committee Chair McConnell. Presented a timeline of what has happened with this matter since it was initiated in November, 2006. Stated that it has become frustrating in trying to communicate with corporation counsel.

Haase – Stated that he will call Attorney Martin tomorrow.

Shute – In regard to the amendment to the shoreland ordinance enforcement section that Attorney Martin referenced in her timeline, it was decided at the last meeting that this would be a workshop topic at a special meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a meeting that was scheduled at the request of Attorney Steve Sorenson.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**PURCHASES**

McConnell inquired about the Highway Department vehicle that was discussed at a previous meeting. Shute stated that he is working with the Highway Commissioner on pricing.

**CLAIMS**

Claims totaling \$1,415.56 were submitted.

**Motion by Sell/Williams, unanimously carried, to approve the claims in the amount of \$1,415.56 for payment. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER, 2007**

**Motion by Williams/Sell, unanimously carried, to approve the October report. Motion carried.**

**DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIVITY**

**a. Update on wind energy system standards and**

**Shute** – This will be discussed at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jim Fox, Town of Green Lake Chairman – Requested that the Town of Green Lake be included in any wind energy mailings.

**b. Discuss definition ordinance**

Shute – Explained that this is something that was considered about a year and a half ago. Staff has begun putting all of the definitions into one document. This will eliminate duplicate definitions.

**GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**a. Such other matters as authorized by law**

Helmer – Reminded the committee that during the *public comment* portion of the agenda, the public is welcome to make brief comments. However, the committee must be careful not to comment or discuss what was brought up because it was not noticed on the agenda.

Helmer – Inquired as to whether or not anyone has applied for the code enforcement officer position. Shute replied that there have been three contacts so far.

Sell – Asked if there was an update on the Guderski farm.

Shute – Will check with staff and report back.

Shute – Updated the committee on the highway scale. There were calls regarding whether or not the Highway Department needed a permit to put in the new scale. It was originally considered a driveway or part of the parking lot and didn't need a permit. After reviewing, staff did issue a permit for that request.

**b. Discussion/action, Lake Maria View Preliminary Plat**

Shute – The flood study for this development led to a question about the outlet of the lake. The DNR determined that the rocks at the outlet were too high and some of the rocks had to be taken out; it lowered the lake by 20 inches. There is now a 30-foot mud flat. The current developer stated that they will not proceed with the development. They're trying to market it with the proposed lots.

**Closed Session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(g) Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, which the County is involved and/or is likely to become involved. (Discussion of legal issues).**

**7:04 p.m. - Motion by Sell/Williams, unanimously carried on roll call (3-ayes, 0-nays), to move to closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(g) Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, which the County is involved and/or is likely to become involved. Motion carried.**

**Resume into open session to discuss findings of closed session.**

**7:27 p.m. - Motion by Sell/Williams, unanimously carried on roll call (3-ayes, 0-nays), to resume into open session. Motion carried.**

Findings of closed session: The committee was updated on legal issues.

**NEXT MEETINGS DATES**

December 5, 2007 – Public Hearing – 6 pm

December 26, 2007 – Business Meeting – 6 pm - CANCELLED

**ADJOURN**

**Motion by Williams/Sell, unanimously carried, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Time: 7:31 p.m.

**Recorded by:**

Carole DeCramer

Committee Secretary

**APPROVED:**

**January 2, 2008**