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Pursuant to Section 19.84 and 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public meeting on **Wed., Sept. 16, 2009 at 6:00PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the **County Board Room of the Iowa County Courthouse** in the City of Dodgeville, Wisconsin. For information regarding access for the disabled, please call 935-0399. Additional information about the petitions, including maps, can be obtained from the Office of Planning & Development.

Minutes

Approved Sept. 23, 2009

1. Call to order. Diane McGuire called the meeting to order
2. Roll Call.
Commission Present: Diane McGuire; Dwayne Hiltbrand; Tom Mueller; Carol Anderson
Commission Absent: Bill Ehr (excused); Jerry Dorscheid (excused); Brad Wells
Staff Present: Scott A. Godfrey; Mike Bindl; Jim McCaulley
Towns Represented: Arena; Brigham; Dodgeville; Highland; Mifflin; Moscow; Ridgeway; Wyoming

Public Present: approximately 23 individuals, including town officials
3. Certification of notice for this meeting. Godfrey stated this meeting has been duly noticed as required by law.

Motion to accept by Mueller
Second by Hiltbrand
Motion carried unanimously
4. Review and approval of last meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Anderson
Second by Mueller
Motion carried unanimously
5. Approval of agenda.

Motion to approve by Hiltbrand
Second by Mueller
Motion carried unanimously

6. Discussion on the proposed revisions to the Farmland Preservation Program included in the state budget bill (AB75).

Godfrey presented a recap of the major revisions to Chapter 91 WI Statutes included in the state budget and present options for reacting to the revisions. After significant discussion, it was agreed that an effort should be made to minimize the new rezoning conversion fees during the period of time it will take to revise the county's Farmland Preservation Plan and farmland preservation zoning ordinance.

The following options were outlined:

- 1) Implement the revisions as adopted, which would include imposing the rezoning conversion fee beginning January 1, 2010 as required by the new law.
- 2) Revise the county's zoning ordinance to declare the A-1 district as not being a farmland preservation district for the purposes of Chapter 91, thus eliminating the applicability of rezoning conversion fees but also disqualifying any A-1 land from being eligible for farmland preservation tax credits.
- 3) Request approval from DATCP to revise the county zoning ordinance to declare the AR-1, AB-1 and C-1 districts as farmland preservation districts and/or to reduce the minimum lot size in the A-1 district as an attempt to meet the goals of Ch. 91 while minimizing the potential for rezoning conversion fees.

Of the eight towns represented, 6 favored option 3.

Motion by Mueller to direct Godfrey to pursue option 3 with the understanding that option 1 will be the fallback option
Second by Hiltbrand
Motion carried unanimously

7. Discussion of next meeting date and agenda. none
8. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Hiltbrand
Second by Anderson
Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:28pm.

Scott A. Godfrey
Director

