

**MCHEMRY COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 28, 2008**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Charlie Eldredge, Dennis Dreher, Frank Harrison, Jim McNutt, RB Thompson, Nancy Schietzelt, John Jung, Bill Swenson, Jerry Davenport, Ron Bauman, Mike Rein, John Jung, Jeremy Shaw and Craig Hubert

**Absent:** None

**Also present;** Peter Austin; County Administrator, Randy Donley, Mary Donner, Mary McCann , County Board Members; Cindy Skukrud, Emily Berendt, Ersel Schuster, Sam Milei, Chris Manheim, Jane Collins, Tom Harding, Pat Kennedy, Jim Thorpe, Kathleen Bergren Schmitt, Randi Willi and John Darger

**Staff Present:** Matthew Hansel, Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldredge at 6:10 p.m.

**Public Participation**

Ms. Schuster asked for clarification on the events at the previous meeting and if abolishing the 10 day time limit was for all future meetings as well. Chairman Eldredge stated that the reduction in the 10 day time limit was for all future meetings not just the previous meeting.

Cindy Skukrud, from Solon Mills, saw the economic development chapter on the website. She thought some items were very good. She noted concern that some statements need footnotes. She wondered how significant some of the tables are that in the draft. Some statements need citations or references. It is her belief that gravel mining has a large impact on water quality. She also thought that rail should be used to move freight and not just people. She questioned why McHenry County would need an airport with such close proximity to O'Hare Airport.

Jane Collins, from Woodstock asked everyone on the Commission to identify themselves. She expressed concern regarding the process. She stated that if there are personal attacks during the meeting that the Chairman step in and request that it stop. She feels there are competing chapters and that staff encourages the competition. She asked that if he cannot control the Commission that he step down and let someone else chair the Commission.

**Director's Remarks**

No comments.

**Old Business – Consultants: Houseal & Lavigne**

Chairman Eldredge noted that Houseal Lavigne & Associates were not able to be at tonight's meeting. They will be at the next meeting in September.

**New Business – Economic Development Draft Review**

The Commission reviewed the Economic Development Draft Chapter. The Commission continued with highlighting the chapter. After the highlighting was completed the Commission made changes to the Economic Development Draft based on comments made by Commissioners.

Jeremy Shaw left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The Commission took a short break from 8:15 to 8:20.

Mr. Davenport will get projections for industrial space.

Ms. Schietzelt requested that when the population projections are presented that a CMAP representative will attend the meeting.

The Commission completed review through page 6 of the draft.

**Public comment**

None

**Member's comments**

Ms. Schietzelt reminded everyone to get their comments into LEAM.

Mr. Harrison wanted to clarify that he said there were 6 underground mines. They are limestone mines not gravel. He has spoken to representative with two or three of the major gravel producers in this area. They are of the opinion that the large area near 23 should be taken off the map indicated as a gravel mining area because there is an excessive amount of overburden.

Chairman Eldredge reminded everyone that the Houseal and Lavigne will be at the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Swenson to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.