

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2008**

Call to Order

Mr. Dreher called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jeremy Shaw, Ron Bauman, Frank Harrison, Jim McNutt, Jerry Davenport, RB Thompson, Bill Swenson, Nancy Schietzelt, Craig Hubert, Dennis Dreher, Frank Harrison and John Jung arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: Chairman Charlie Eldredge

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski, Darrell Moore and Cindy Sassaman

Others Present: Peter Austin; County Administrator, Ersel Schuster, Pat Kennedy, Brian Sager, Julie Richards, and Kim Willis

Mr. Dreher asked why backup for the economic development chapter was not provided in advance for the Commission to review. Mr. Harrison suggested that transportation be presented first. Mr. Harrison would like to focus on the transportation aspect at the next meeting because economic developed areas will be affected by the county transportation plan.

Mr. Dreher suggested that items to be discussed at the next meeting should be given to commissioners prior to the meeting review.

Public participation

None.

Old Business

AG Draft- Review - The Commission began reviewing the draft of the agricultural chapter at 6:20 p.m.

Ms. Schietzelt requested that the Commission have some input as to how the plan is written and if chapters will be included in the plan etc.

Mr. Austin said that a final process and how the plan will be written has not been decided.

Mr. Dreher thought at the last meeting the Chairman stated that the Commission would have a choice in which candidates were considered. He mentioned that he would like the Commission to have some input into the candidates.

Mr. Davenport asked that the meeting move forward.

Mr. Dreher asked that the information presented from each subcommittee is as completed as possible but acknowledged that the write-up would ultimately be decided by the subcommittee chairman.

The Commission began reviewing the ag chapter at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Harrison left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The Commission took a short break at 8:05. The meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Davenport provided possible additions to the agriculture chapter. He reviewed the items regarding the chapter for the commission to think about.

The Commission requested input from the Agricultural Conservation Easement Committee.

Mr. Hubert asked for a quick tutorial on LESA scores. Ms. Wanaski suggested that Spring Duffy be invited to the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Dreher asked that other Commissioners put their ideas/concerns regarding the Ag Chapter on paper for Mr. Bauman's consideration.

MCCG

Julie Richardson announced that MCCG has committed the funds for the LEAM models they were requesting. She also provided copies of two articles *Fuel Costs Shift Equation for Life in Far Suburbs* and *Tomato Deprivation* (attached).

Members Comments

Mr. McNutt asked if any new items could be added to the website. The article written by Mr. Dreher is already on the website. The article written by Mr. McNutt will be added as well.

Mrs. Schietzelt asked to receive the draft of the water resources chapter with the new additions.

Mr. Thompson felt that the chapters could be passed onto the Planning & Development Committee, but was uncomfortable voting to endorse any write-up without full review and acceptance by the Chairman. Mr. Swenson said that a motion is needed by the full Commission to pass on to the Planning & Development Committee. Mr. Dreher said that is what will occur at the next meeting. He is looking for

a quick 5 minute review and vote to pass on the draft. The draft will need to be mailed out in the Commission packet for the Commission to review prior to the next meeting.

Summary of Action Items

- LESA demo by Soil and Water (Mr. Hubert requested this be first on the agenda)
- Staff to schedule Transportation presentation for next meeting
- Ag draft finalization
- Water Resource Chapter (to forward)

Additional Public Comment

Pat Kennedy stated that she had comments that she would like to send via email to save on time.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm