

**Minutes of Public Hearing
Land Conservation Committee
Water and Land Use Planning Committee
2014 Farmland Preservation Plan
2014 Land & Water Resource Management Plan**

Date of Meeting: October 27, 2014

Present: Dave Solin, William Bostwick, Joe Novak, Angela Schreiber, Sally Hull, Marie Graupner, Duane Haakenson, Don Scupien, Peggy Winter, Ron Nye, Mike Klimoski, Sam Hardin, Dick Schuh, Fred Heider, Molly McKay, Dave Kautza, Helen Wanca, Jeremy Irish, and Mark Desotell

Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo

The joint meeting of the Land Conservation and Water and Land Use Planning Committees was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Dave Solin, Chair of Land Conservation Committee.

Public Hearing:

Notices of Public Hearing were published in the Antigo Daily Journal for today's public hearing and public information session. Fred Heider reviewed the Land and Water Resource Management Plan and the Farmland Preservation Plan. The AEA gives farmers tax credits of \$10 an acre when they sign a fifteen year contract. The Land and Water Resource Management Plan outline which agency takes care of what regarding land and water management. This plan is necessary to receive funding from DATCP for staffing and cost sharing dollars. There is a checklist of requirements that need to be met to comply with DATCP. A letter of review was received and suggested changes will be made to be in compliance.

Dave Solin, Chair of Land Conservation Committee, asked for any comments regarding either of the two plans. No response. He called three times for any comments in favor of. No response. He called three times for any comments in opposition to. No response. He called three times for any comments for information only: no response. Novak made a motion to close comments at 3:26 p.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Comments closed.

Land Conservation Committee: Hardin made a motion to approve the Land and Water Resource Management Plan and send it to County Board subject to the changes required by DATCP. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Farmland Preservation Plan will be added as an amendment to the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Maps will be amended to remove parcels of less than five acres and remove residences and businesses shown that are actually farms.

Land Conservation Committee: Bostwick made a motion to accept the Farmland Preservation Plan as amended and add as an amendment to the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Hardin seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Water & Land Water Use Planning Committee: Nye made a motion to accept the Farmland Preservation Plan as amended and add as an amendment to the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Dave Solin seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

The three resolutions will go to county board in November and two plans will go to DATCP in December.

Hardin brought up that 2300 acres of county forest land have been purchased in the last twelve months. Those acres will be added to the maps.

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 3:38 p.m. Schreiber seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull