

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Community Facilities Committee
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
ECWRPC Offices
January 9, 2008 – 1:00 P.M.

Committee members present:

Ernie Bellin.....Winnebago County
John Fitzpatrick.....Winnebago County
Ken Capelle.....Shawano County
Patrick Laughrin..... Calumet County

Committee members absent:

Richard Wollangk.....Winnebago County
Clifford Sanderfoot..... Outagamie County

Others in attendance:

Gene RosinMayor, City of Kaukauna
Bob Jakel.....Director of Community Development, City of Kaukauna
Judy Hebbe Reporter, Times-Villager
Eric Fowle..... Executive Director, ECWRPC
Kathy Thunes.....ECWRPC Staff
Todd Verboomen.....ECWRPC Staff
Joe HuffmanECWRPC Staff

1. Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Thunes explained that Mr. Sanderfoot had an excused absence for today’s meeting. In addition, Vice Chairman Wollangk is no longer serving on this committee and John Fitzpatrick has been appointed to fill the Vice Chairman position. Accordingly, Mr. Fitzpatrick welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. Mr. Eric Fowle requested a change in the agenda order, (items 8 and 9) to accommodate his tight schedule. The motion before the committee was to move agenda items 8 and 9 to follow agenda item 6. Mr. Bellin moved modify the agenda order. Mr. Capelle made the second. Motion carried.

2. Statement of Compliance/Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, Sec. 19.84

The open meeting law was recognized.

3. Approval of the September 12, 2007 Community Facilities Committee Meeting Summary of Proceedings

There being no discussion Mr. Bellin moved to approve the September 12th, 2007 Summary of Proceedings. Mr. Capelle made the second. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Heart of the Valley Sewer Service Area; City of Kaukauna, Unique Facilities Amendment Request; Red Hills Landfill

Mr. Huffman presented the Heart of the Valley Sewer Service Area amendment request to the Committee. The amendment request from the City of Kaukauna appropriately uses Policy I, C Unique Facilities. The purpose of the amendment would be to provide sanitary sewer to a leachate pond, situated in the Red Hills Landfill site, currently in operation by the Thilmany Corporation. The City of Kaukauna has provided documentation from the WDNR that orders Thilmany to discontinue use of the leachate pond. Thilmany Corporation currently trucks its leachate to the Heart of the Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City of Kaukauna agrees that a lateral connection made on Haas Road to the leachate facility is the proper course of action given the circumstances. The City also looked at other alternatives to service this property one of which was to perform an open cut and bore through bedrock to reach the Wastewater Treatment Facility with a sewer main. This option was the least cost-effective method.

Mr. Joe Huffman informed Committee members that staff recommends that an easement of approximately 5.1 acres be amended to accommodate the proposed routing of the sanitary sewer lateral. This method provides the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly option. Mr. Huffman referred to the provided mapping that illustrated the landfill site relative to the nearest sewer main located in Haas Road. It was also pointed out that there were to be no new connections made to the installed lateral. City officials stated that there were no near term development plans for the site. Mr. Gene Rosin addressed committee members with background information on the Thilmany site. Mr. Rosin also noted that the weekly truck traffic would be eliminated thereby producing other benefits in terms of infrastructure cost-savings. At this time, staff recommended approval of this amendment request. Mr. Bellin moved to approve the amendment request as presented. Mr. Pat Laughrin made the second. Motion carried.

6. Discussion Item: Update on Status of Darboy Sanitary District SSA Amendment Appeal to WDNR

Mr. Fowle reviewed the background information regarding the Darboy Sanitary District's amendment request to serve a proposed commercial site, (via a swap) in addition to providing service to a 'hold status' area referred to as the 'triangle'. The decision by the Community Facilities Committee to deny the swap amendment area and in effect award service of the 'triangle' area to the City of Kaukauna became a point of debate by the Darboy Sanitary District and the Town of Harrison. Since that initial decision the District and Town of Harrison filed an appeal to the full Commission and subsequently failed to reverse the decision by the Community Facilities Committee. The Darboy Sanitary District and the Town of Harrison then filed an appeal with the Department of Natural Resources.

The District's premise for the appeal included a request for a declaratory ruling under Wis. Stat. 227.41. Based on correspondence by the Department the declaratory ruling request was denied, however, an informational hearing pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code NR 121.07(3)(b) will be granted. Mr. Fowle indicated that staff will review information from the Fox Cities SSA update and prepare for the informational hearing. Mr. Fowle will make every effort to have the informational hearing venue in the Fox Cities as opposed to bringing a large contingent down to Madison. Mr. Fowle then proposed that a representative from the committee make themselves available for the informational hearing. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Chairman, (Cliff Sanderfoot), should represent the Committee and East Central. There being no further discussion, this item was closed.

8. Approval of the 2008 Work Program & Budget: 1200 Element, Community Facilities

Materials for the 2008 Work Program and Budget relative to the 1200 element, (Community Facilities), were distributed to committee members. Mr. Fowle stated that the work program for this committee, essentially the 1200 Element, was before them for approval. Mr. Fowle then expanded on each of the major work elements that this committee would be working through for 2008. Mr. Fowle detailed funding sources as well as East Central's financial commitments to this program element. Also noted was that the final budget numbers may change slightly prior to presentation to the full Commission, however, committee level approval is being sought at this time. There being no further discussion Mr. Laughrin moved to approve the 1200 Program Element as presented. Mr. Capelle made the second. Motion carried.

9. Update on the completion of the Regional Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Fowle informed committee members of a previous Steering Committee decision to grant another short delay for completion of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Fowle indicated that a preliminary draft of *Milestone #3 – Goals, Strategies and a Plan for Action* is anticipated to be completed at the end of January, 2008. When completed, this draft will be submitted to the Regional Comprehensive Planning Committee for review and comment. Copies of the plan will then be presented to each of the Standing Committees for their input. Mr. Fowle then reviewed the schedule of events and timelines for completing the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Fowle stressed a user friendly approach to this planning by using fact sheets and concise visual representations to illustrate the core elements of the plan. A fact sheet and several preliminary mapping examples were provided to committee members for discussion.

7. WDNR Work Program Contract Application and SSA Plan Update Schedule

Mr. Verboomen addressed committee members relative to the 2008 Water Quality Management contract submitted to the Department of Natural Resources. Based on correspondence from the WDNR Water Resources Department acknowledging a sum of \$40,000 to implement the work element for calendar year 2008, a work plan was developed and submitted to the WDNR. Mr. Verboomen reviewed this with committee members as well as an updated Sewer Service Area Plan & Update Schedule. This schedule reflects the 1200 Program Element previously discussed today. There being no further discussion this item was closed.

10. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for March 12, 2008 at 1:00 P.M.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bellin and seconded by Mr. Capelle. Motion carried.