

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Community Facilities Committee
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
May 16th, 2007 – 10:30 A.M.

Committee members present:

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

Committee members absent:

Ken Capelle.....Shawano County
Patrick Laughrin..... Calumet County

Others in attendance:

John JohnsonHOVMSD
Joe Sprangers Chairman, Town of Harrison
Bill Craig Calumet County
Len Abrahamson President, Freedom Sanitary District
Kathy Thunes.....ECWRPC Staff
Todd Verboomen.....ECWRPC Staff
Joe HuffmanECWRPC Staff

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Sanderfoot welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 10:40 A.M.

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

The open meeting law was recognized.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Freedom Sewer Service Area Amendment Request; Cheese Processor Development

Mr. Joe Huffman presented committee members with an amendment request petitioned by the Freedom Sanitary District. East Central addressed this request by invoking a combination of two amendment policies; Policy I,B, (allows for amending existing development) and Policy I,F, (Mapping error/administrative adjustments). The major thrust of this amendment is to accommodate a cheese processing plant to be located on Vine Road and C.T.H. S and entails amending approximately 45 acres. The existing development portion of this request totals approximately 13 acres thus creating a total amendment area of 58 acres. The areas shown, (to be removed from the service area), were proven to have minimal development value and thusly have no practical reason to remain in the service area. The Freedom SSA plan is scheduled for a major update in 2008 and the areas being removed today will in all likelihood not be reinstated during that process.

Mr. Huffman then discussed the engineering report used to provide service to the site. The study suggests constructing an eight inch sewer main easterly along C.T.H. S that will service the cheese plant and the three homes along C.T.H. S. The engineering report produced by Foth Infrastructure & Environment, suggests minor modifications to a lift station located east of Duck Creek along C.T.H. S. The report has also determined that downstream sewers are adequate and no improvements are recommended. Plant capacity is sufficient to accommodate the new development.

Len Abrahamson, President of the Freedom Sanitary District addressed committee members with a more detailed description of the cheese processing plant. Mr. Abrahamson explained that the plant is proposing to design a pre-treatment system to treat "wash-down" wastewater prior to conveyance to the Freedom treatment plant. There would also be an opportunity to limited land spreading of pre-treated gray water. Mr. Abrahamson went into great detail relative to the planning of this development and stressed the importance of this industry as it relates to the community of Freedom.

East Central staff has recommended approval of this amendment and feel that the Freedom Sanitary District has met the criteria of this request. With no further discussion Ernie Bellin moved to approve the amendment request as presented. Mr. Richard Wollangk made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Heart of the Valley SSA S.T.H. 55 and C.T.H. KK Informational Item

This item is a follow up to a meeting held on April 26, 2007 at the Town of Harrison town hall. This meeting was attended by City of Kaukauna officials, Town of Harrison officials, Darboy Sanitary District and representation by Calumet County. This meeting tried to open up a dialogue with service provision issues between the Darboy Sanitary District and the City of Kaukauna. Today's discussion was primarily to bring committee members up to speed on the circumstances revolving a contentious area requesting sewer service.

Mr. Todd Verboomen described in some detail the issue itself, the possible methods of resolving the problem, (potential growth boundary agreements), and the outcome of the April 26th, 2007 meeting. This being a discussion item only, the Harrison town chairman and a representative from HOVMSD were in attendance. Mr. Joe Sprangers elaborated briefly on the Towns' stance on this issue and the towns' desire to resolve the impasse. Mr. Sprangers felt that a boundary agreement was an eighteen month long process and noted that the timing for development was now. He went on to question the validity of a boundary agreement in order to request an amendment. This became a discussion item with committee members more or less agreeing that boundary agreements were not necessarily a prerequisite to petition for a sewer service area amendment.

After some discussion between the Community Facility Committee members and East Central Staff; Mr. Cliff Sanderfoot asked that the STH 55 & KTH KK Amendment Request be put on the July, 2007 CFC meeting agenda as an action item.

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.