

Comprehensive Planning & Farmland Preservation Committee
February 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
County Board Room

Present: Pete Russo, Jerry Teague, Charles Ortman, George Mika, Donna Williamson, Gary Mertig, Joe Rose

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Tom Wojciechowski, Tom Fratt, Larry Hildebrandt

Pete Russo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken. Motion by Jerry Teague to approve the January 15, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Charles Ortman. Motion carried.

Tom Wojciechowski reviewed the Draft Housing Goal and Objectives with the Committee and discussion followed. Motion by Charles Ortman to accept the “draft” as presented. Second by Donna Williamson. Motion carried.

Tom Fratt gave an update on the Farmland Preservation Process. Approximately 300 surveys were mailed out and roughly 35 have been returned at this point. The deadline to return them is the end of March.

Tom Wojciechowski then went thru the Economic Development goals, objectives and action steps. Goals from the 2006 Comp. Plan for economic development were reviewed. New questions for the updated Comp. Plan were as follows:

1. What would you like to see for changes in the county economy over the next decade: diversity of jobs and people, energy efficiency and renewable, energy independence, cooperative with federal forests (more product/cutting), maple syrup, local food, supplies, high tech, youth attraction/retention?
2. What could county government do to accomplish these changes: influence Bayfield Electric, promote/support local ag., local entrepreneurs, educational programs, promote access to info. (Web), make County more attractive (housing, broadband, coop housing)?
3. How do these ideas translate into objectives for the plan: utilize /promote our assets, promote what is good, property upgrades, plug the leaks, assist existing businesses, collaborative?
4. What action steps would move from ideas to results? Who should be responsible: diversify housing, infrastructure-cell, broadband, housing holistic approach, workforces' development – WITC, Northland College, schools, AADC, coordinator or coordinating organizations focus doable goals, timeline.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. with no objections.

Lori Schmidt
Administrative Assistant