Ashland County
Agricultural Ordinance Advisory Group

Revised Scope of Work and Timeline

8-10-2017

June 8 – First Meeting

1. Welcome and Appointment of Chairperson
2. Work Group Process, Logistics, Scope of Work
    a. Work group member introductions
    b. Work group objectives
    c. Work group process and logistics
        i. Chaired by LCC member
        ii. Roberts Rules of Order
        iii. Form of public input
        iv. Open meetings law, open records
    d. Work group scope of work and timeline
3. Introduction of Ashland County Agriculture and Regulations
    a. Overview of Ashland County agriculture, watersheds, soils
    ~~b. Overview of WI agriculture regulatory structure~~ (move to second meeting)
    c. Introduction of draft Agricultural Performance Standards and Animal Waste Storage Ordinance (continue at second meeting)

Thursday, June 22 – Second Meeting. 12:00-2:00 pm, County Courthouse

1. Revised Scope of Work, Timeline, and Meeting Schedule
2. Overview of WI agriculture regulatory structure (Fischbach)
3. Review of local agricultural ordinances in other counties
4. (continued) Introduction of draft Agricultural Performance Standards and Animal Waste Storage Ordinance
5. Discussion ~~and Possible Action~~ on draft Agricultural Performance Standards and Animal Waste Storage Ordinance (decisions on recommending specific ordinances to the LCC will be delayed until the advisory group reviews the entire suite of options)
6. Introduction of ATCP Administrative Code 51 - Livestock Facility Siting, and Draft Ashland County Livestock Facility Licensing Ordinance (continue at third meeting)

Tuesday, July 11 - Third Meeting. 12:00-2:00 pm, County Courthouse

1. Revised Scope of Work, Timeline, and Meeting Schedule
2. Introduction of ATCP Administrative Code 51 - Livestock Facility Siting, and Appendix A – Application form and Worksheets (continued from second meeting)
3. Discussion ~~and Possible Action~~ on Livestock Facility Siting Ordinance (local adoption of ATCP 51)
4. Introduction of NR 243 (CAFO WPDES Permits)

5. Identification of issues and concerns related to agricultural operations not covered by NR 151, ATCP 50, ATCP 51, or NR 243
6. Options for adopting more stringent standards
7. Examples of ordinances with more stringent standards
    a. Manitowoc County Ag Ordinance
    b. Kewaunee County Groundwater Protection Ordinance
    c. Bayfield County CAFO Operations Ordinance
    d. Bayfield County South Fish Creek Manure Storage Ordinance
8. Manure Transport and Aerial Application of Manure (Ashland County options) (move to next meeting)

**Possible Guided Tour of Livestock Facility (to be arranged outside of public meeting)*

Thursday, July 27 - Fourth Meeting ~~and Public Comment Period~~. ~~6:00-8:00 p.m.~~ 12:00-2:00 p.m., County Courthouse

~~1. Open for public comment~~
2. Revised Scope of Work, Timeline, and Meeting Schedule
3. Farm Tour Recap and Comments
4. Introduction to Aerial Spraying of Manure and Manure Transport via Pipelines – concerns and regulatory options
5. Discussion ~~and possible action~~ on CAFO Operations Ordinance
6. Recommendations to be made to the Land Conservation Committee on any and all agricultural ordinances

Thursday, August 10 – Fifth Meeting and Public Comment Period. ~~12:00-2:00 p.m.~~ 6:00-8:00 p.m., County Courthouse

1. Open for public comment
2. Discussion on CAFO Operations Ordinance
3. Other topics as identified in prior meetings
4. Recommendations to be made to the Land Conservation Committee on any and all agricultural ordinances as a result of public comment

August 10 to August 24: Finalize Recommendations to the Land Conservation Committee

August 25 – Land Conservation Committee Meeting

1. Presentation of Advisory Group recommendations to the Committee
2. Discussion of recommendations and possible action to forward to full County Board of Supervisors for passage

Period of September 5-19 – Public Hearing if Needed or Desired

September 19 (tentative) – County Board of Supervisors Meeting