

Eau Claire County
AG ORDINANCE REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 • 1:00 p.m.
Agriculture & Resource Center • 227 – 1st Street West • Room AG103
Altoona, Wisconsin

Members Present: Gary Gibson, Tami Schraufnagel (County Board member alternate), Derrick Nelson, Ed Gorell, Andy Ferguson, Eleanor Wolf, Paul La Liberte, Mark Zuber, Dan Zook, Roland Fischer, Jon Nicolet (citizen member alternate), Kate Beaton (arrived at 1:30 pm)

Members Absent: Jody Wilhelm, Robin Leary, Todd Meyer, Cynthia Anderegg, Steve Strey, Roland Fischer, Tammy Smith-Schroeder

Staff Present: Greg Leonard, Amanda Peters (Land Conservation); Matt Steinbach (City/County Health); Joseph Malual, Mark Hagedorn (UW-Extension); Rod Eslinger (Planning & Development)

Others Present: Joe Knight, Libby Stupak, Connie Russell, Liz Spencer

1. Call to Order

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

2. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Gibson confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

3. Public Input Session (15 minutes maximum) – Discussion

None.

4. Approve Minutes from March 12, 2019 meeting – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Gorell to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried, 11-0-0.

5. Review of Moratorium process and Special Committee's duties – Discussion/Action

Chair Gibson and Leonard reviewed the following items:

a. Update on Moratorium process for 2019

The updated timeline and remaining steps for LCC and Planning & Development Committee review, Public Hearing and County Board approval was reviewed.

b. Section 8, Action and Review During Moratorium

The items contained within Section 8 of the moratorium were reviewed.

6. Livestock siting and CAFO – Discussion/Action

Leonard led a discussion on the possibility of adopting Livestock Siting into county code. Discussed the ability of the Land Conservation Division to implement standards throughout the county on all sizes of farms, that ability to offer cost share, and the challenges of implementing NR 151 on very small farms.

Peters led a discussion on setbacks in Livestock Siting and Eau Claire County's current Title 18 Zoning ordinance, as they apply to livestock facilities and manure storage structures.

Leonard continued discussion on Livestock Siting.

ACTION: Motion by Ed Gorell to recommend not adopting the livestock siting into county ordinances. Motion carried, 12-0-0.

7. Summarize final recommendations – Discussion/Action

Final recommendations were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion by Mark Zuber to approve the above action items, consensuses, and recommendations. Motion carried, 12-0-0.

8. Approve Minutes of March 26, 2019 meeting -- Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Gorell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 12-0-0.

9. Set Future meeting (if needed) – Discussion/Action

10. Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Leonard
Clerk, Ag Ordinance Review Special Committee