

Minutes

Winnebago Towns-County Planning Committee

February 21, 2002

7:05 PM

Ray Batley opened the meeting with member introductions at the Town of Neenah Municipal Hall.

Mike Koles then led the meeting and went to item #3 on the meeting agenda which is titled: Review of UC&F and NR Objectives. A lecture and discussion took place regarding the quantity and quality of ground water in the Fox River Valley. In particular, there is a concern about the level of arsenic and its release into the ground water aquifers. The EPA has recently changed the allowable maximum limit in public water systems to 10 ppm (parts per billion). Private wells are not regulated by this standard but should use it as a health guide.

Discussion took place about residential wells which are generally drilled shallow compared to deeper industrial wells which may reach a depth of 400 feet. Home owners should be aware of the need for alternative sources of safe drinking water, ie. purchased water, subdivisions sharing deep wells, and so on.

Discussion then took place regarding the goal under the title Agriculture, Natural, and Cultural Resources. Note the addition of "development of recreational opportunities". The following objectives were reviewed for consensus approval:

Objective #1 – Protect surface water resources through lake, stream, and river corridor preservation and ground water development policies. Consensus- OK

Objective #2 – Prevent non-point pollution through construction site erosion control, stormwater management, and development that sustains resources. Consensus – OK.

Objective #3 – Unchanged, consensus OK.

Objective #4 – Unchanged, consensus OK.

Objective #5 – Protect and develop passive and active recreational resources. OK

Discussion then moved to Utilities and Community Facilities Policies in Winnebago Cty. Because the goal included a statement of reasonable and equitable taxes, discussion of land use and cost of services to towns and cities took place. Consensus of objectives:

Objective #1 OK

Objective #2 OK