

## 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

Objective #3 OK

Objective #4 OK

Objective #5 OK

Objective #6 OK

Mike then moved to a discussion on Agriculture Resources regarding farming and farmland use. If we want to preserve woodland, wetland, and tillable land; the only one left to develop is tillable land which brings a better value on the market. A graph was drawn regarding surface water and water health versus impervious land and its relation to an environment that supports natural surroundings.

Final discussion took place regarding a formal adoption policy as we prepare to move our goals, objectives and conclusions on for approval. Options 1, 2, 3, and perhaps a 4<sup>th</sup> were sketched on the board. The committee consensus was that some form of Option #1 might be the best approach.

Mike reviewed the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the March meeting. We will then go over land use, programs (housing), and public participation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Next meeting on March 28, 2002 at 5:00 PM at the Town of Winneconne Building

Respectfully submitted by Secretary John Hinkfuss *JH*