

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

West Square Building, B30

Baraboo, Wisconsin

Monday, November 28, 2011

Members present: Peter Murray, Dave Riek, Don Stevens, Joel Gaalswyk, Joan Smoke

Members absent: Marty Krueger, Gerald Lehman

Others present: Kathy Schauf, Dennis Polivka, Susan Tatar, Bill Mertens, John McKenna, Dave Radel, Rick Livingston, Steve Koenig, Doug Jones, Gene Dalhoff, Fred Iasly

The meeting was called to order and certification of Open Meeting compliance was given at 6:30 p.m. **The agenda was approved on a motion by Smoke, second by Stevens. Motion carried.**

The minutes from prior meetings were approved on a motion by Riek, second by Stevens. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Bill Mertens: Spoke in favor of county forest concept.

John McKenna: Information on nitrates and water quality. Anecdotal information regarding the degradation of local lakes that do not have the benefit of a forest for filtration was included.

Doug Jones – Nitrate levels and the deterioration of the proper due to pollution if the forest property is developed.

Sue Tatar – Spoke of potential water quality issues and the untapped tourism potential.

Communications

Meeting comments from those who presented under public comment.

Business Items

Motion by Murray, second by Smoke to recommend that the property know as the Sauk County Community Forest located in the Town of Spring Green and other appropriate properties be recommended for inclusion in the county forest program as defined by State Statute 28.07 Public Forests. (1,700 acres to include Health Care Center properties, park properties under county ownership, closed solid waste landfill and the Dellona property.). Motion carried with one opposed.

A draft of the final report will be available for review and editing with the above recommendation.

Next regular meeting: January 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Stevens, second by Murray, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Stevens

Economic Development Committee Secretary