

Craig Karr Activity Report

May 26 – July 22, 2010

- Assist DNR staff with finalizing deed (transfer) conditions.
- Plans and preparations for the July 9 ceremony and celebration.
- Assist Steve Schmelzer in working with DNR administration on transfer issues relating to managing public use of parcels “outside” the fence such as funding and signage needs.
- Working with DNR staff on preparations needed to gear up for the public master planning process.
- Assist DNR scientists evaluating infrastructure at BAAP as suitable habitat for bats.
- Responding to increasing number of public inquiries about access to Badger lands and input on future land uses.
- Two Planning and Land Use Committee meetings.

Items addressed by Planning and Land Use Committee at recent meetings:

- Dairy Forage Research Center personnel briefed the committee on status of new facility planning, the development of a farm Conservation Plan, two summer student intern projects, and discussions between landowners on cooperative management issues.
- Forwarded to Badger History Group a request to develop recommendations for BOMC on the erection of a memorial at one of the original farmsteads.
- Mapping needs and how to best obtain the maps.
- Parcel N (and the former Clingman property), Parcels L, and W. How best manage these lands in the near term, future land use plans, and BOMC role in the planning process.
- Potential Planning and Land Use Committee funding requests directed to Sauk County for a portion of the Ho-Chunk Nation gaming revenues: Funds to assist soil and plant sample analysis (student intern project); Development of cost estimates for removal of the infrastructure that will remain; and Invasive removal and continuing prairie restoration work.