

Draft minutes of the Crawford County Land Use Group meeting 7/31/07

Attending: Jennifer Nelson, Rich Kientopf, Games Greene, Larry Kelley, Mary Ann Jones, Robert Jones, Sharon Lathrope, Laura Brown, Ellen Brooks, Dave Hackett, Rosemary Helgerson, Leonard Olson, Jerry Quebe, Rob Horwich, Diane Craig, Vance Haugen, Russ Hagen, Edie Elhert

Clayton town residents said the town planning commission had not progressed to their goal of presenting a comprehensive plan to the town since the last meeting. A discussion followed about the role the state plays once a comprehensive plan is adopted by a municipality. UW extension staff agreed to research the topic and bring results to the next meeting.

Utica town residents said their new town building was up and being used and a planning questionnaire will be sent to residents soon.

A Freeman town resident said their plan committee is in the process of surveying other towns in the county and is exploring consultant services for their plan.

Seneca town residents said they are considering building a firehouse. They reported that their land use survey received an above average response.

Haney plan commission members said they held an ice cream social along with a history sharing and fact finding time. They said they continue to distribute a quarterly newsletter. They reported giving a bid of \$2,200 to the Mississippi River Regional Plan Commission (MRRPC) for services to finish the Land Use portion of their plan plus some additional work. They said they are awaiting MRRPC board approval. They voiced a tentative goal for comprehensive plan completion in the winter of 07 – 08. They discussed resources they've used. Members reported on incident management class' they've attended and their certification.

Laura Brown announced three educational opportunities, a potential workshop on specific plan elements, an invention and entrepreneurial gathering and a series on economic development on the 2nd Friday of each month.

Vance Haugen and Pete Flesch discussed the Land Conservation Planning and Zoning committee recommendation to add three members to their number. They announced the proposal will go before county board August 21.

Russ Hagen said one livestock producer is preparing to submit an application for a license to operate a large hog farrowing facility in Crawford County. The group discussed the monitoring effectiveness of licensed facilities.

The group adjourned to further discuss town concerns and future collaboration. The next meeting was scheduled for September 25.

Recorded by Russ Hagen