

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

2:30 p.m.

Ozaukee County Fairgrounds
Columbia St. Mary's Center
W67 N866 Washington Avenue
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Daniel S. Schmidt, Chairman
Charles L. Colman
David W. Opitz
Robert W. Pitts
Nancy Russell
David L. Stroik

Daniel W. Stoffel, Vice-Chairman
Gilbert B. Bakke
José M. Delgado
William R. Drew
David L. Eberle
John Rogers
Linda J. Seemeyer
Peggy L. Shumway
Michael J. Skalitzky

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker
Philip C. Evenson
Elizabeth A. Larsen
Debra A. D'Amico

Executive Director
Acting Director
Business Manager
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present. Mr. Evenson noted for the record that Commissioners Stoffel, Bakke, Delgado, Drew, Eberle Rogers, Seemeyer, Shumway, and Skalitzky had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2013

Chairman Schmidt asked if there were any changes or additions to the December 4, 2013, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Colman, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2013, were approved as published.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Sewer Service Area Plan for the City of Mequon (copy attached to Official Minutes)

Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Evenson to review with the Committee the proposed amendment to the adopted regional water quality management plan pertaining to the sanitary sewer service area for the City of Mequon. A copy of the preliminary draft of a SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated March, 2014, concerning this matter had been provided to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Evenson indicated that by e-mail letter received January 15, 2014, the City of Mequon requested to expand the sanitary sewer area. He directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 1 which identifies the 360 acre site proposed to be added to the sanitary sewer service area. He noted that the general area includes seven existing home sites along the north side of Donges Bay Road and on the west side of Wauwatosa Road (STH 181) which are currently outside the planned sewer service area. He also noted that under the City land use plan, the area is recommended to be developed for low-density residential use and it is estimated that the site would accommodate about 360 housing units including seven existing homes. He said that the subject area contains about 6 acres of wetlands and there are no environmental corridors or isolated natural resource areas in the area. Mr. Evenson stated that the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District (MMSD) staff has verified that there is planned capacity available for the areas proposed to be added to the sewer service area.

He further stated that this sanitary sewer area addition is consistent with the regional land use plan, the regional water quality management plan, and Chapter NR 121 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. He then directed the Commissioners' attention to an updated insert containing public reaction to the plan amendment. He noted that the amendment was presented at a public hearing on March 11, 2014, that there were no objections, and the amendment was subsequently approved by the City of Mequon Common Council.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Evenson stated that the light blue sections shown on Map 1 are lands that are currently in the sewer service area but remain undeveloped.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Russell, Mr. Evenson confirmed there are seven existing home sites within the general area concerned, with three of those home sites proposed to be excluded from the sewer service area at this time. Mr. Evenson noted that the exclusions are likely due to the homes not needing sewer service at this time. He further noted it is not usual for communities to keep properties out of sewer service areas until such time as those properties are in need of or want to be added to the sewer service area.

There being no further questions or discussion, on a motion by Mr. Colman, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried unanimously, the SEWRPC Staff Memorandum for a City of Mequon sanitary sewer service area amendment dated March 2014, was approved and recommended for Commission adoption.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Evenson if there was any correspondence or announcements. Mr. Evenson reported that there was no correspondence, and announced that there will be a Planning and Research Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Ms. Russell, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip C. Evenson
Acting Director

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