

Minutes

Sawyer County Comprehensive Plan Development Committee
March 16, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Mark Olson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Voting members present: Phil Nies, Steve Kelsey, Nita Kemp, Mark Olson, Kay Wilson, Marc Helwig, Jason Weaver. Voting members absent: Ron Buckholtz, Elaine Nyberg, Linda Zillmer

Others present: Jay Kozlowski, Zoning Administrator, Kelly Nechuta, Conservation Specialist, Jason Laumann, Northwest Regional Planning, Emily Nelson, Northwest Regional Planning

Public meeting notice was filed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Phil to approved the minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting. 2nd by Steve. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No comments

2. Policy and Action Review – Post Dept Head Review (Re-Verify Existing Action and Policy Statements, Add New or Delete)

Existing action statements were sent to department heads for review in mid January. Out of the 32 recipients, there were 3 responses by the February 12 deadline. No changes were suggested.

Discussion of changes the members noted.

9-3 Housing

Objective 1 Action 2 delete “of Sand Lake and Winter and the Village of Exeland”

Action 5 add “Sawyer County”

9-4

Remove “2010” 3 times and leave “ongoing”

Objective 2 Action 5 remove “strengthen the process of”

Objective 3 Action 5 change “develop” to “maintain”

Objective 3 Action 2 add “NWRPC”

9-5 Transportation ok

9-6 ok

9-7

Action 7 remove “and septic tank contents” typo

Action 2/Remove Action 5

Add a new objective 5 on 9-9 with – Jason will revise verbiage: Support the up-sizing of infrastructure to address flooding related concerns... Seek ways to implement the directives of the hazard mitigation plan.

Renumber – Action 6 to action 5, action 7 to Action 6 - Change date on Action 6

9-8

Action 8 Change “Promote” to “Maintain”, and change dates to “ongoing”

Action 9 – “ongoing”

Action 9 now 8 – “ongoing”

Discussion about septic treatment facilities in the area, and at LCO, and partnering opportunities with towns and County.

Action 2 Objective 2 – “ongoing”

Objective 2 and Action 1 - change to “broadband” instead of “internet”

Action 2 remove “local and national cellular” and replace with “service providers”

9-9

Objective 5 – Jason will revise verbiage regarding culverts for Jay

9-10

Action 1 Objective 1 add between Protect - “and improve the quality & quantity of” surface and groundwater...

9-11 ok

9-12 ok (see below)

9-13 ok

9-14 ok

9-15 Economic Development

Objective 1 Action 1: “Identify potential business opportunities”

9-16

Objective 3 Add Action 3 Explore additional forestry processing including potential mill site opportunities in the northern region. Sawyer Co, Chamber of Commerce, NWRPC, local units of government.

Objective 3 Encourage & promote businesses that follow sustainable/certified forest management practices.

Objective 4 remove “2008” and add “latest”

Action 1 replace SCDC to SC/LCO EDC (Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Committee” under parties in all places

Objective 4, Action 1 add “and responsible parties”

Action 3 Objective 5 Add new- Jason will develop verbiage about CEDS – Increase economic development opportunities in Sawyer County. Action 1 - Participate in the annual CEDS update, and Action 2 - Identify projects for the CEDS (comprehensive economic development strategy)

Objective 6 Add new - Economic/Recreation/Natural Resources – Jason to add something about business/economic capitalization on the recreation opportunities in Sawyer County.

9-17 change dates

Objective 2 Action 1 Explore opportunities for sharing facilities, equipment & maintenance between County and other parties.

Objective 2 Cooperate community sharing of resources

Add Action 3 Facilitate the collaboration and sharing of community facilities, equipment, maintenance & services. County as responsible party

9-18 ok

9-19 dates

9-20 ok

9-12 Revisited

Add objective “Explore funding opportunities to address climate change.” - ?

Discussion - Revisit at next meeting

3. Review and approve existing land use map (2020)

Jason reported there has been feedback from 3 towns, other towns are in process and have a May deadline. Recommended postponing until after the May deadline.

4. Review and refine, if necessary, future land use classes and definitions

Jason reiterated waiting until the feedback has been received from towns after May. Discussion about consistency.

5. Future land use mapping

A) Farmland Preservation overlay - Jay gave an overview

Motion by Phil, 2nd by Kay to recommend to the L&W committee removal of the farmland preservation planning/overlay from the comp plan process.

Motion carried.

Motion by Phil, 2nd by Kay to extend NWRPC's serviced until 2020. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be scheduled after the towns have reviewed the maps in May. A summary of the changes made will be sent out for review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.