

August 21, 2012 **Ad Hoc Study Committee Meeting**

AD HOC STUDY COMMITTEE
August 21, 2012 – 7 PM
Cochrane VFW Post 10406

Chairman David Danzinger called the Meeting to Order. Town of Milton Ad Hoc Committee also invited and in attendance. Two Town of Belvidere Committee members were absent.

The Clerk read the minutes of the July 17th meeting.

COMMENTS:

Bob Miller: Attended Mississippi Great River Highways. Scenic byways are of utmost importance to them concerning truck traffic & safety. BNSF Railroad is at capacity presently. Best feasibly location for Railroad Spurs is in northern Wisconsin. Reclamation of farm land is also of concern since Buffalo County has not hired Zoning personnel. NR135 – Buffalo County has authority to regulate.

Joan Gresik: Attended July 24th hearing. Town of Montana (7 applications) were tabled pending further DOT study. Next meeting is undetermined.

Ben Adank – Town of Milton: Spoke about Health and Safety meeting pending for August 28th. Also of concern to Town of Milton are Legal Authority of Towns and Economics. Milton has hired an attorney to assist with Non-Zoning Licensing Ordinance. He stated that Railroad Spurs need to be re-zoned as Industrial sites not left as Agricultural zoning.

David Danzinger – David has spoken to Attorney Glenn Stoddard about retaining for Ordinance preparation. The estimated fee he would charge is \$1,000 and with modifications could be \$2,000. Attorney Stoddard was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

OTHER ITEMS:

Buffalo County Zoning will meet Wednesday night in Alma - Bob Miller plans to attend.

David has copies of Cooks Valley and Town of Howard Zoning Ordinances and Licensing Applications. The Clerk will mail out to committee members copies of these so everyone can review.

Buffalo County's Moratorium expires October 2012. Both Town of Milton and Belvidere's Moratoriums expire December 31st. There has been some discussion on Buffalo County extending the Moratorium due to lack of time to fully review health and safety matters and expected travel routes to Winona (bridge stability issues).

David discussed the feasibility of a visit to Superior Silica Sand LLC's operation near New Auburn. This site has a Drying Plant, Loading site (sand trucked in) & railroad spur. They are open to one hour tours – tentative date is Wednesday, September 12th. Town of Milton members were invited to attend also. David will finalize tour date and bus availability for this tour.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Deborah M Ruff

Deborah M Ruff, Clerk