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PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS SELECTION COMMITTEE

February 27, 2025

Minutes

1. Call to Order by (J) Wunsch 10:00am

2. Pledge

3. Roll Call

Present: Wunsch, Couch, Tarczon, Drier, Manty

Absent: Arouca

4. Approve Agenda

Couch moves to approve

Drier seconds and **approved by consensus**

5. Brief Citizens Comments – for items not on Agenda none

6. Conflict of Interest none

7. Consent Agenda none

8. Business

a. PDR current property updates

i. Will **Manty** presented a summary of various property discussions including Mark Kelly, Van Meter properties, Warren property, Kroupa property, Vogel property, and Shea property. Updates included appraisal status, discussions with conservation buyers, and considerations for waterfront and residential zones.

b. Update on changes to the APA map

i. **Wunsch** updated the committee on the changes to the APA map which are currently being presented at the Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing at a second meeting in March to allow for public comment.

c. Setting the time/date for the next round of PDR applications

i. The committee discussed the timing of opening a new round, considering factors such as farmer availability, the length of the application window, and the need to reassure round one applicants that their ongoing applications will be prioritized. They also addressed concerns about capacity, funding, and the potential overlap between rounds. The group agreed on the importance of publicizing the new round and educating potential applicants. The committee discussed various methods of

publicizing the PDR program, including using the Gazette, township lists, church bulletins, flyers at the market, and a hard mailing to all property owners. They considered the need to reach people who are not tech-savvy and those who might be away during certain times of the year.

Jed Hemming, 2455 Neahtawanta Rd requested a list of parcels that are currently in the PDR process.

Wunsch made a motion that the committee use administrative funds to do a hard mailing to all property owners, at least within the Ag Zone, or to all if that is not much smaller, just for administrative purposes. The committee budgeted up to \$2000 for this purpose. **Drier** seconded **approved by consensus**

9. Citizen Comments none

10. Commission Comments none

11. Adjournment Motion to Adjourn by Wunsch and second by Couch **approved by consensus**

Adjourned at 11:15 am

Rebecca Couch, Recording Secretary