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PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS SELECTION COMMITTEE

March 6, 2025

Minutes

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

2. Pledge

3. Roll Call

Present: Wunsch, Couch, Tarczon, Drier

Absent: Arouca

4. Approve Agenda

Drier moves to approve

Tarczon 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. Preparation for next round of PDR application

- **i.** Committee members continue to work on publicizing the opening of a new round of PDR applications. The new application period for the Purchase of Development Rights program will run from March 24th to April 21st.

- **ii.** **Wunsch** updated the committee on the press release and contacting news outlets, **Susie Shipman** will continue to work on the mailing list for township residents, **Drier** states churches are cooperative and willing to share content. The committee made edits and revisions to the press release drafted by **Wunsch**. **Nancy Heller** and **Jed Hemming** were in attendance and suggested clarifications to the press release. Applications are available on the township website and by request to the Township Planner, **Elyse Loud**.

b. Updates on the mailing list to township residents

i. **Wunsch** updated the committee on **Susie Shipman**'s progress. The mailing list is being trimmed to save costs, and the target date for mailing is March 14th.

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