

# TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48723

## MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 @ 5:00 P.M. – Commissioners' Conference Room

- I. **CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairperson Vyse. Pledge to the flag followed.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Zygmunt Dworzecki, Cynthia Kapa, Lonnie Kester, Nancy Barrios, Ione Vyse, Board Representative Matt Bierlein and Louis Smallwood in attendance. Absent (excused): Keith Kosik
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Zygmunt Dworzecki and supported by Louis Smallwood to approve the minutes of May 1, 2013 as written. Motion carried.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Lonnie Kester and supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- VI. **COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Chairperson Vyse indicated that she had received a call asking for a representative to attend a meeting on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the County Commissioner's Meeting room to discuss a MSHDA program proposal. Louis Smallwood will attend as the Planning Commission representative.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **PA-116 – Robert and Nancy Willett – Gilford Township Section 4 T 13N R 7E 60 acres.** Motion by Cindy Kapa supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to recommend approval after signatures on page 3 are obtained. Motion carried.
  - B. **PA-116 – Glen Christener – Elmwood Township Section 14 T 14N R 10E 200 acres.** Motion by Cindy Kapa and supported by Lonnie Kester to recommend that the PA-116 application be return for further information. Motion carried.
  - C. **PA-116 Gremel Land LLC – Section 7 T 14N R 10E 75.5 acres.** Motion by Cindy Kapa and supported by Lonnie Kester to recommend that the PA- 116 application be returned for further information. Motion carried.
  - D. Well Head Protection Ordinance Discussion. No Action Taken.
- IX. **OTHER, ON-GOING BUSINESS:**
  - Education/Training:** Nothing to report.
  - Parks & Recreation:** No Report.
  - Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative:** (see attached)
  - Township Communications:** Nancy attended Village of Gagetown and Elkland Township.
  - East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG):** (see attached)
  - State Law Information Review 2013 Budget Review:** Nothing to report.
- X. **ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Vyse at 5:33 p.m.

**Meeting Reports: Zygmunt Dworzecki**

There was an Export meeting in Caro, MAY 15, 2013. The RED Team steering committee and the direction the state is going with the global economy and its impact to Mid-Michigan. With the railroad-hubs are the focus to move large quantities of freight being moved. MDOT is doing a new rail plan to obtain federal dollars to improve the rail system in Michigan.

Bay City is getting a harbor for freighters to move cargo for the region. Much is hushed because a private concern is moving forward with the project. I am hoping that the export steering committee will be able to get a tour of the facility in the near future.

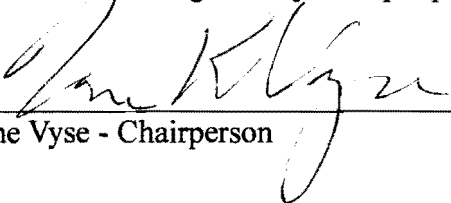
The Food Hub for the Thumb Area (Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties) is moving forward. Zygmunt Dworzecki did a power point presentation, Hal Hudson and Anamika Laad did speak in front of the group. The whole presentation was accepted by the group in attendance. A board of directors was formed and proceeding to the next stage moving forward for the establishment of a food hub. Developing how the food hub will operate (501 (c) (3), LLC or a combination of the two for the startup) as the legal ramifications for running a food hub.

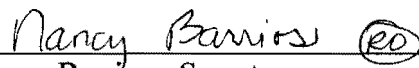
Zygmunt Dworzecki was approached by Ogemaw County zoning administrator for some help in developing a Well Head protection for the countywide ordinance for the protection of their water resources. I was able to lead them to the needed resources for ordinance.

Zygmunt Dworzecki was asked to review Secord Township's Well and Septic Systems for EMCOG (as a consultant) as they were looking for public safety within the township, just recommended a few minor changes to their ordinance.

These ordinances are simple and an easy way of acknowledging the concern of public health and welfare for the communities; would like to see something on this line of being pro-active in Tuscola County in some manner for the protection of its citizens.

Zygmunt Dworzecki not attend SBCI meetings, as there was a conflict of scheduling of meeting dates. The meetings were just to put project in perspective within the region.

  
Ione Vyse - Chairperson

  
Nancy Barrios - Secretary