

# **BARABOO RANGE COMMISSION**

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## **Minutes of the May 28, 2008 Baraboo Range Commission Meeting**

The Baraboo Range Commission met in regular session, May 28, 2008 at the Sauk County West Square Building in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Members present: Ashford, Hartmann, Kowalke, Persche, Statz, Steinhorst, Turnquist and Wenzel. Also present: Dave Tremble and Ben Vondra, Sauk County Planning and Zoning, Audrey Parker and companion.

Chairperson Ashford brought the meeting to order at 8:30 AM., and asked members to review the meeting agenda. Motion to adopt the agenda by Persche, second by Statz. **Motion carried.**

Ashford asked members to review the draft minutes from the April 30, 2008 Commission meeting. Motion to approve by Steinhorst, second by Wenzel. **Motion Carried.**

### **Communications**

Tremble read an email from Mark Carlson, surveyor, regarding a price for work requested in the Town of Merrimac. Members recommended contracting for all the work needed in the area to create some efficiency and potentially reduce the cost.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Staff Report**

Tremble reported that there are two new members to the Planning, Zoning and Land Records committee of the County Board, Robert Cassity and Henry Netzing, replacing Lester Wiese and Halsey Sprecher. Tremble reported that the Amerciaprps team project to remove invasive plants in the Baraboo Hills had been successful in terms of numbers participating and areas worked. Tremble reported that two more appraisals have been ordered, per Commission directive, and that an application to the WDNR for statewide Stewardship Fund grant had been submitted. He also reported on ordering Title Insurance commitments for two Halweg Road properties in advance of closing the conservation easement transactions. Tremble introduced Ben Vonra, one of two summer interns hired by the Planning and zoning Department. He also reported that Wil Christiansen, an intern last summer, will return as a part-time employee in the fall, and will help GPS easement property coordinates.

### **Unfinished Business**

Tremble asked members to consider changes to the acquisition process as a means of addressing confidentiality issues.

Tremble presented information on the Christopher and Julie Klemm property in the Town of Freedom, gathered during a site visit. Members determined that a fair discussion of proposed easement appraisals requires some knowledge of each proposal, and asked for the assessments of

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all the properties first.

## **New Business**

Tremble presented information on four other Baraboo Range properties: Ken and Carla Kady in the Town of Greenfield, Tom Cummings in the Town of Baraboo, Darrell Klingenmeyer et al, in the Town of Freedom, and James Nidy in the Town of Honey Creek. Discussion of all five proposed acquisitions followed, and members reviewed the status of several other previously reviewed acquisition proposals, agreeing to eliminate from consideration two inactive proposals, BR2004-01 and BR2003-10.

Members then reviewed a summary of expenses for current and projected projects. Motion by Turnquist to direct staff to order appraisals for each of the five properties, Klemm, Cady, Cummings, Klingenmeyer and Nidy. Second by Turnquist. **Motion Carried unanimously.**

Members discussed the need for meetings over the summer. Newly ordered appraisals must be completed and reviewed before needing Commission action, and the WDNR grant application may not be approved until July for the Halweg Road projects. Members agreed to schedule the next meeting for Wednesday August 27, 2008, unless events require a meeting during the summer. Tremble will contact members if a need arises..

Motion to adjourn by Wenzel, second by Hartmann. **Motion Carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Tremble  
Sauk County Dept. of Planning and Zoning