

CASS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

May 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. The Meeting was called to order by Dan Stutsman at 4:00 pm
2. **Members Present:** Annie File, David Kring, Roseann Marchetti, Richard Palmisano, Char Hiemstra, Dan Stutsman, Jayne Bailey, Edwin Johnson III. **Members Absent:** Dianna McGrew. **Others Present:** Carl Baxmeyer
3. Minutes of April 2023 Meeting were not in packet so were not voted upon. Will be included in next Regular Meeting packet.
4. Stutsman moved, Palmisano seconded, CARRIED, to have new business proceed old business on the agenda. All were in favor.
5. Johnson III moved, File seconded, CARRIED, to approve rezoning request for Pokagon Township.
6. Master Plan Update
 - a. Carl Baxmeyer, Master Plan Coordinator, requested update on whom would be included in master plan. As of today, Pokagon Twp, Wayne Twp, Volinia Twp and the Village of Vandalia will be included. Carl advised that there would be no additional charge for mapping the townships and village. After some discussion it was decided that the opportunity to be included in Master Plan has now closed to any other townships.
 - b. Roseann M passed around the copies of Commitment Agreements for the Townships and Village. Four Municipalities will pay \$1500 each for the project.
 - c. Recycling and solid waste management state guidelines will be included in Master Plan.
 - d. Palmisano asked if there was any issue and whether lakes and water rights should be included. It was noted that that was covered by State guidelines.
 - e. A thought to be included: We support the Right to farm Act in agreement with MDARD.
 - f. County vision: commercial support to be included in Master Plan.
 - g. Focus on removing as much duplication as possible.
 - h. Carl will delve into Chapter 3 (survey, goals, and objectives) at the next meeting. It was decided that we will have additional work sessions. The first one will be held on June 7th at 4:00 PM. This will be a Special Meeting and will need to be publicized.
7. Palmisano moved, Johnson III seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Char Hiemstra