

MINUTES
 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
 PUBLIC HEARING
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016
 WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM #115, WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI

Members Present: Hilde Henkel, Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Bill Leichtnam and Adam Fischer.

Member Excused: Harvey Petersen

Staff Present:

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Jeff Brewbaker and Kim Keech.
 UW Extension Staff: Peter Manley.

Others Present: Dist. #15 Supervisor Bill Clendenning and Charles Weiler.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Hilde Henkel opened the Public Hearing at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Read Public Notice.** Jeff Brewbaker read the Notice of Public Hearing, which was published in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune and Marshfield News-Herald as a Class II Notice pursuant to Chapter 985, Wisconsin Statutes on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2016 and Wednesday, November 30th, 2016. It was noted the Affidavits of Publication were received on December 7, 2016.
3. **Staff Comments**
 Jeff Brewbaker presented a brief summary:
 - a. The proposed Shoreland Ordinance is a complete rewrite due to ACT 55 where counties cannot be more restrictive than NR-115-Wi Shoreland Code.
 - b. County cannot do or have language that:
 - Regulates outdoor lighting for residential use.
 - Regulates maintenance, repair, replacement, restoration, rebuilding, or remodeling of a non-conforming structure.
 - Requires inspection/upgrade of structure before sale/transfer is made.
 - c. No opinions are allowed for variance granting by the DNR unless the county Board of Adjustment requests it.
 - d. A county Board of Adjustment decision cannot be appealed by the DNR.
 - e. Land adjacent to farm drainage ditches do not have to be maintained in a nonstructural agricultural use.

Jason Grueneberg stated that towns should contact the Planning & Zoning Department anytime there is construction or other activity in a Shoreland area. Jeff Brewbaker stated to expect more changes to occur in the future. Legal non-conforming structures are now allowed to rebuild unless they are vacant for 12 months.

4. **Committee Questions.**

Kenneth Curry has concerns that Act 55 changes could cause confusion with the public.

Bill Leichtnam questioned if counties could be more restrictive than the state. Jeff Brewbaker said counties could not be more restrictive than the state.

Robert Ashbeck referred to page 704.06 under C1 in regards to roads if harvesting timber in a wetland or shoreland area would require a permit. Jeff Brewbaker stated that the Shoreland Ordinance is designed to preserve the rural setting. However, silviculture activities and agricultural cultivation access roads are allowed with a permit.

5. Call for Testimony. None

6. Close Hearing.

Motion by Adam Fischer to adjourn at 8:50 a.m. Second by Bill Leichtham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Curry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kenneth Curry, Secretary
Minutes by Kim Keech, Planning & Zoning Office
Review for submittal to County Board by Kenneth Curry (approved on December 13, 2016)