



Van Buren County Planning Commission

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Minutes

Call to Order & Attendance: 6:30 pm Pam Stermer, Scott Cedarquist, Kurt Doroh, Barb Rose, Jan Petersen
Abs- Celinda Gilmore, Tony Hemmenway

Approve Agenda: *Cedarquist/Rose motion to approve Unanimous*

Approval Minutes of March 23, 2022: *Petersen/Cedarquist motion to approve Unanimous*

Public Comment: *Tyler Augst from MSUE spoke about some of the educational opportunities available for local officials and the VBCPC. Tom Motyka of Decatur spoke on his behalf regarding the candidacy of the vacant VBCPC position.*

Reports:

County Commissioner- *Doroh reported*
Southwestern Michigan Commission Representative (Only if meeting scheduled) *Doroh reported*
Local Visits - *Doroh - rounds Petersen - Citizen planner training, South Bend Planning session, SWMPC, Hamilton Twp). Martin – Antwerp Twp Cedarquist – Potato Operation*

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Almena Twp Zoning Ordinance Restatement/Update: *Petersen /Martin motion to concur with Almena Twp PC to recommend Zoning Ordinance update/rewrite with one question being raised regarding Farmland Preservation. Thar to check on Almena FLP participation. Unanimous (Thar's findings are such that their resolution was added to the Master Plan, not the Zoning Ordinance)*

Coloma Charter Township: Notification of Master Plan Update- *Thar to write letter recognizing acceptance of the notice, and thanking for opportunity to review.*

Village of Lawton: Notification of Master Plan Update: *Thar to write letter recognizing acceptance of the notice, and thanking for opportunity to review*

Monitoring Report- CHS Capital property (Lachman) – *On a Cedarquist/Doroh motion to accept monitoring report and Thar to pay Conservation District for report.*

Vacancy review candidate/s: Tom Motyka, and William Pugsley *On a Cedarquist/Rose motion the VBCPC made recommendation to add both members and to fill the remaining vacancy with another candidate. New VBCPC membership will be 11. Unanimous Will look to fill vacancy from Hartford/Keeler area.*

Adjourn: 7:40 pm Martin/Cedarquist unanimous