

Town of Trade Lake Comprehensive Planning Committee
11811 Town Hall Road, Frederic, WI 54837
Minutes for February 19, 2024

Committee Members:

Ramona Moody, Chair; Jen Goldman, Vice-Chair; Julie Pemble-Peterson, Secretary; Andrew Marshall, Roxane Brock, Doug Wickstrom, Mary Falk

Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Ramona at 6:05p.m. All were present

Affidavit of Posting: Notices and agenda were posted according to Wisconsin§19.84 at the Trade Lake Store, Bass Lake Lumber, and the Town Hall on 2/12/2024 @ 8:45a.m.

Approval of Agenda order: A motion was made by Jen to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried all in favor by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: January 31, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion made by Roxane to accept these minutes. Seconded by Jen. Motion carried all in favor by voice vote. Mary brought up adding the discussion of solar and wind farms to the agenda for next meeting as it was missed for this one.

Meeting:

Chapter 4 corrections:

Section 4.2: Sanitary sewer service: strike what is written and addThe Town of Trade Lake does not offer municipal sewer service.

Private On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS): strike what is currently written and change to.....The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services regulates the siting, design, installation, and inspection of POWTS through Chapter SPS 383 of Wisconsin Statutes. SPS 383 is intended to establish uniform standards and criteria for the design, installation, inspection, and management of a POWTS, so that the system is safe and will protect public health and the waters of the state. Burnett County adopted a Sanitary Sewer System Ordinance in September, 2000. The ordinance articulates general requirements, permit and application requirements, inspection procedures, system management and maintenance procedures, and administration and enforcement techniques.

Storm water Management: strike what is currently written and change to.....Storm water management is regulated by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Section 4.5 page 4-16: Discussion of best way of using pre-determined regulations. Instead of using Burnett County Inventory and Trends Report we will note to see plan from Burnett County Comprehensive Plan 2023-2043.

Table 1.1 on page 1-9 Ramona will work on this and bring it back in a future meeting.

Chapter 5 Agricultural

Section 5.1: last paragraph on page 5-1 change 2007 to 2023 and the 8,718 acres to 8,780. Continue onto page 5-2 38.4% changed to 38.6% land use in the town. There were 3-4 dairy farms remaining as of 2023 Remove two sentences beginning with approximately 10,000 acres and replace with.....8,780 acres of farmland in the town of Trade Lake of which 4,234 is prime farmland. Dairy has small presence in the town. There were 3 to 4 dairy farms remaining as of 2023.

New to be added to 5.1 at the bottom of Natural and Cultural Resources heading (right above bullet 5.2)

Historic Conditions

Prior to European settlement in the mid-1800s, Burnett County was almost completely forested. A large portion of these forests still exist when compared with other more heavily developed areas of Wisconsin. Early settlement patterns were tied closely to forest resources, as villages and towns formed around sawmills. Logging, damming, and sawing companies developed together in this region. Moreover, Burnett County's vast system of waterways served as an important mode of transportation for the logging industry.

Native forest types did vary in Burnett County; however, the majority of the county was covered by mixed conifer-deciduous forests. More specifically, the landscape is a gently rolling out-wash plain comprised of the jack pine and barrens mixed with oak forest. The southwestern and southeastern portions of the county, primarily in the Towns of: Trade Lake, Anderson, and Wood River, was covered with massing of deciduous forest that included sugar maples, basswoods, and red, white, and black oaks. The county's historic vegetative cover historically included linear patches of lowland hardwoods. The lowland hardwoods are primarily found in wetland areas and include willows, soft maples, box elders, ash, and elm trees.

Land Legacy Places

At the request of the Natural Resources Board, the Department of Natural Resources undertook a study to assess the state's protection needs for conservation and recreation lands over the next fifty years. The study focused on identifying what of our state or regionally-significant "green infrastructure" remains to be protected. According to the Land Legacy Report (2006), Land Legacy Place located within the Town of Trade Lake includes the Trade River Wetlands. This wetland complex of marsh, sedge meadow, and shrub swamp is located in the Trade River watershed of the St. Croix Basin and straddles the Polk/Burnett County boundary. Historically, these wetlands were located at the convergence of several natural communities: mesic prairie, oak savanna, barrens, and southern mesic hardwoods. The surrounding land is rolling, and soils are silt loams. The Trade River is a somewhat degraded cold-water river that flows to the St. Croix.

Section 5.4 Change paragraph to say.....Please contact Burnett County Land Services Conservation Department for current programs.

Chapter 6 Economic Development

Section 6.1: last paragraph, second last sentence on page 6-1 add the word historically. Trade Lake has historically established commercial.....

Top of page 6-2 remove the word "also" in last sentence of first paragraph.

Section 6.2: Remove last sentence in first paragraph. Table 6-1 will be replaced with 2020 data from the census bureau.

Table 6-2 replaced and will use current census 2021 data and American Community Survey

Table 6-3 will become table 6-4 This is Employment by Occupation 2020 data

A different table labeled 6-3 will be added. Employment by industry, Town of Trade Lake comparisons 2000 and 2021.

Section 6.3: First paragraph, first sentence add the word "natural resources."economic opportunities that do not sacrifice community character, natural resources or require.....

Second sentence add the wording "home office". In this context.....home-based businesses, to a retail store, office or home office, or other similar use.

Last sentence strike Burnett County and add Trade Lake.

Add a bullet point at bottom..... Businesses that do not negatively impact natural resources

Section 6.4: BRRTS No active sites as of 2/2024. There are 8 sites listed on the website for BRRTS but none of them are active.

Section 6.7: Remove what is written and stateContact Burnett County Economic Development for current programs

General Comments: none

Public Comments: None

Future Agenda items: Industrial-sized renewable energy and commercial ordinances discussion.
Next meeting March 11, 2024

Adjourn: Motion made by Jen to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Seconded by Roxane. All in favor with voice vote.

Submitted by Julie Pemble-Peterson, Secretary