

HILLSDALE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

The **Hillsdale County Planning Commission** convened at the Intermediate School District Offices, 310 W. Bacon Street, Hillsdale, Michigan, on Monday, March 21, 2011.

Members present: Ned Bever, Gary Reppert, Parke Hayes, Brad Densmore, Mike Potts, Fred Fowler, Deb Sikorski

Members absent: None

Others present: Nicolas Wheeler, Andy Welden, Timothy Anderson

Call to Order: Ned Bever called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: *M. Potts moved to approve the Minutes of December 20, 2010. B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Approval of Agenda: *P. Hayes moved to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Timothy Anderson of Region 2 Planning Commission, G. Reppert supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Public Comment: *Timothy Anderson, Principal Planner from Region 2 Planning Commission at the request of Chairperson Ned Bever discussed with the County Planning Commission the role of the County Planning Commission. Mr. Anderson also discussed where the various functions of the County Planning Commission would be picked up should the County Planning Commission be disbanded.*

Public Hearings: *None*

Unfinished Business:

- a. Economic Development Representative – D. Sikorski indicated that Christine Bowman would be interested in serving on the County Planning Commission.*
- b. Soil Conservation Representative – N. Bever indicated that Jason Wheeler of the Natural Resources and Conservation Service has recommended Christy Cook to fill this vacancy.*
- c. HCPC Ordinance Status – It was the consensus of the members to have no further discussion concerning the ordinance until the status of the Planning Commission is determined by the County Board of Commissioners.*
- d. Hillsdale County Master Plan – It was the consensus of the members to have no further discussion concerning the master plan until the status of the Planning Commission is determined by the County Board of Commissioners.*
- e. Review Planning Commission By-Laws – It was the consensus of the members to have no further discussion concerning the by-laws until the status of the Planning Commission is determined by the County Board of Commissioners.*

New Business:

Officer Selection – *M. Potts moved to re-appoint Ned Bever as Chairperson and Deb Sikorski as Vice-Chairperson and to keep the Secretary position open until all membership appointments are filled. P. Hayes supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

PA 116 Applications –

- a. **Wright Township Enrollment – Craig & Krista Kurtz (5.01 acres more or less in section 28 of town 8 south, range 1 west)** – *D. Sikorski moved to recommend disapproval of the application based on the property classification. G. Reppert supported. Motion unanimously carried.*
- b. **Reading Township Enrollment – Two applications were submitted by Thomas & Margaret Schroeder (41.36 acres more or less in section 33 of town 7 south, range 4 west also 57.28 acres more or less in section 15 of town 7 south, range 4 west)** – *P. Hayes moved to recommend approval of both applications as both properties are found to be consistent with the County’s Master Plan. G. Reppert supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Public Comment: *None*

Communications: *None*

Adjournment: *D. Sikorski moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. M. Potts supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Bever, Chair

Recorded by: Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director, County of Hillsdale