

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, May 16, 2011.

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

Members absent: Gary Reppert

Others present: Nicolas Wheeler, Andy Welden, Sue Smith

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

Approval of Minutes: *P. Hayes moved to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2011 with the correction of changing master plan to by-laws under item e. of Unfinished Business, B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Approval of Agenda: *B. Densmore moved to approve the agenda, M. Potts supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Public Comment: *County Board of Commissioner Chairperson Andy Welden commented on the updating status of the County's Master Land Use Plan.*

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 – The County Board of Commissioners will need to adopt the ordinance by July 1, 2011 to comply with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (PA 33 of 2008, as amended)*
- d. Hillsdale County Master Plan – The updating of the County's Master Land Use Plane will depend on what the County Board of Commissioners do about the Ordinance. There was a motion by M. Potts to take the proper steps to revisit the Master Land Use Plan by January 1, 2012, P. Hayes supported. Motion unanimously carried.*
- 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:

PA 116 Applications –

- a. Ransom Township Enrollment – Daniel & Deborah Bender (22 of 24 acres more or less in section 8 of town 8 south, range 2 west) – F. Fowler moved to recommend approval of the application. B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.**

b. Proposed Pittsford Township Wind Energy Facility Ordinance (Updated)

D. Sikorski moved to notify Pittsford Township that there are no recommendations to alter the Ordinance as presented, F. Fowler supported. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment: *None*

Communications: *None*

Adjournment: *D. Sikorski moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m. M. Potts supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Bever, Chair

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