

**LAND USE PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 8, 2006
1:00 P.M.**

Present:

Water Wolf: Russ McPherson, Denise Stroeder

Mid Sask CFDC/REDA: Fred Baran, Jim Tucker, Michelle Hooey

Sask Ag & Food - Irrigation: John Linsley

Sask Ag & Food - Agri-Business Development: Bill Kowalenko, John Ippolito

Sask Government Relations - Doug Daniels

Sask Tourism - Ian McGilp

South Sask River Irrigation District - Greg Stranden

Meeting called to order by Russ McPherson at 1:00 p.m.

Fred Baran:

- Look at background information we'll need (boundary)
- Objectives
- Principles (Ag and other venues)
- Active land status
 - Farmers
 - Acreages
 - Digitized Maps (Prairie Mapping Service - RM Dundurn)
- Whole lake - too large an area
- Start - Beaver Creek to Danielson - West of 219
- Other areas can be added on later

Russ: If you were the contractor, what would your goal be?

Fred Baran:

- "Economic Development" - (do we identify ag/non-ag?)
- "Sustainability"
- Different cultures
- Road network (background info)
- # 219 - Tourism corridor - economic opportunity
- River - sightseeing/historic
- Irrigation (list processes - loans, integrate with West Side)
- Recommendations - final part of report
- Is road network serving purpose within the region
- Population - # active people within area

Russ:

- We've been meeting with Stu Warner of Munisoft
- Highways have indicated that they will share info
- GIS - assess value of each road - background

Fred Baran:

- Formal report (20 pages)
 - Fairly short
 - Recommendations
 - Conclusion - direction
- Watershed info is useable - background - their recommendations

Russ: Do we lay out 20 year plan? Milestones?

Fred Baran:

- No - Sustainability rather than long range goals
- Plan should be a 'living document' that is always changed
- You build it into report - meet once a year - review whole plan in 10 years

Russ:

- Goals - defining areas for ILO's (zoning)

Goal: To manage the area to conserve distinctive features and optimize economic, social and cultural benefits.

Objectives:

- ILO's
- Zoning
- GIS Roads
- Economic Development Opportunities

Conditions:

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Management Objectives:

- Wetlands, water resources - irrigation, surface/sub-surface
- Archeological, heritage, cultural
- Private/public development, land use activities
- Tourism and recreation
- Wildlife management - diversity, habitat
- Range management
- Oil and gas exploration and development
- Reclamation
- Intensive agriculture
- Planning district
- Air quality
- Sand/gravel
- Data from Sask Power

- Zones - intent to permit/accommodate/prohibit
- Population density? - depends on what public says
- When done? Do we want to present this to government? Are we looking for money?
- Provincial atlas - gas and oil deposits
- Depth of plan is up to committee and stakeholders
- Plan is being done based on needs of people - other objectives become secondary (wildlife)

- List concerns from 1st round of public meetings at second round of public meetings so that stakeholders can see their issues being addressed
- Wouldn't need all background information before starting public meetings
- When you get local buy-in - government won't contradict plan
- Tourism/Recreation - key objective?
- How do you start a plan to change zoning that was put in place by provincial government?
 - Mark Wortman - Ag & Food
 - John Nillson - SERM
- Do we presume that there is no plan? Present our own?

- Boundaries - Stay with whole municipalities:
 - 314, 315, 345, 284, 285, 254, 255

- RM o either side of river, Beaver Creek down to Danielson Park
- Limit areas to South but not necessarily to either side

Public Meetings:

First Meeting:

- Start - formal presentation (5 mins)
- Workstations are open (1 on 1)
- Ag based community denying that they want change
- Sask Power
- Map - Population maps (trends) - U of S, RM's
- Covered Population - Sask Health

Second Meeting:

- Concerns summarized
- Recommendations based on information from public
- Another opportunity to input

Goals/Objectives:

Action Steps:

- Who
- What
- When
- Check every 3 months

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Russ McPherson. Next meeting will be on June 5th at 1 p.m.
(Subsequent to the meeting, the next meeting date was changed to June 8th).

GOAL:

To manage the area with a view to long term sustainability, conserving distinctive features and optimizing the area's economic, social and cultural opportunities and benefits.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Create zones with the intent to permit, accommodate and prohibit.
- 2) Manage land use in concert with provincial departments, to address issues of wetlands, surface and sub-surface water, and irrigation opportunity.
- 3) Develop a land use plan that addresses:
 - a. Tourism and recreation.
 - b. Private development land use activities.
 - c. Public preserves.
- 4) Include specific identified protection for wildlife management, protecting diversity and habitat.
- 5) Provide zoning for intensive agriculture.
- 6) Zone taking air quality into consideration.
- 7) Include guidelines for sand and gravel development complete with reclamation plan.
- 8) Include guidelines and policy for gas and oil exploration.
- 9) Identify map and protect archeological, heritage and cultural sites.
- 10) Address issues around range management.