# MENOMINEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

May 14, 2012

Call to Order

Immediately following the annual re-organizational meeting, the Menominee County Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order at 5:21 pm CDT by Chair Lillian Schultz on May 14, 2012 at the Michigan State University Extension office in Stephenson, MI.

Roll Call

Present: Bill Anderson; Donna Buechler; Jim Pearson; Charlene Peterson; Lillian Schultz. Quorum to vote was present. Absent: Eric Bergh, Warren Suchovsky.

Public Comment (no public present) – none

Approval of Agenda

Additions made to the agenda – Copies of Farmland Contract Agreement paperwork, ATC

Motion by Pearson, support by Anderson to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 18, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted. Motion by Schultz, support by Anderson. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Peterson updated the planning commission members on the current status of the latest DRAFT of the Menominee County Master Plan. Additional changes were just received from the staff at the courthouse. The items submitted were reviewed and nothing was substantive – mostly updated text changes. FINAL DRAFT status was discussed. A determination was made that Peterson should finish up the additional changes; clean up any other miscellaneous details (i.e. formatting) and get the document ready for FINAL DRAFT status. Peterson also briefly reviewed the ADOPTION PROCESS steps and the timeframes involved in the adoption process. Pearson noted the Administrative staff should distribute the documents to the appropriate parties when the Master Plan was ready for electronic distribution. Peterson stated she would be happy to assist S Smith with cover letters and materials.

Motion was made by Anderson, with support from Buechler to move the FINAL DRAFT (when changes were completed as discussed) forward to the County Board for review, approval, and distribution. Peterson is to contact County Administrator Brian Bousley to get scheduled for a county board presentation in May or June. Chair Schultz and Vice-Chair Peterson will be on hand to field questions from the County Commissioners.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Stephenson Township Master Plan…submitted electronically was past the 30 day time limit to allow for review comments. Motion made by Peterson, supported by Pearson to accept as presented and put on File without sending a written response. Carried.

Copies of the Farmland Agreements per PA 116 – Copies were put on file. No action needed.

ATC - American Transmission Company, Contract Consultant - Neil Palmer made a presentation Wed May 9 in Stephenson at the MSU Extension office from 6-7 pm to explain power distribution needs in the area as well as the impending upgrades in the U.P. Peterson was there and questioned if ATC would need to come before the MCPC? It will be late Fall (October) when ATC will have a more definite plan established and be ready to present to the county.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, June 25, 2012 – 5:00 PM (or as needed to conduct business)

Public Comment: (none)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Anderson, support by Peterson. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Donna Buechler, Secretary

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