

Town of Big Flats Plan Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 6:00 pm
Big Flats Town Hall
1104 County Rd. C, Arkdale, WI 54613

1. Call to order by Chairperson Wendy at 6 pm

Roll Call: Wendy Goerke PC Chair, Mark Reed PC, Larry Beck PC, Pam Marquardt PC, were Present, Jay Jocham ZA was absent with Mike Clark (PC) present as acting ZA. Citizen Guests Amy Clark and Bylle Skoczek and Adams County rep. Dustin Grant also in attendance.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Mark Reed Approved, Pam Marquardt Second, All in Favor.
3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (5/3 and 5/17): Larry Beck Approved, Mike Clark Second, All in Favor.
4. Review land use change 1398 Buttercup Ave, set public hearing for change from Ag to R2: Mark and Wendy will work with Terri and attorney Nick as needed to get letter put out and 2 weeks advertising set up. Public hearing set for July 26, 2023 @ 6:30pm.
5. Review requests for 14th Ave, north of Hwy C, set public hearing for land division change from R2 to R1: No word back from landowner prior to meeting, on hold until contact established with landowner.
6. Dustin Grant presentation of County Forest Program: Adams County looking to purchase just under 600 acres in Big Flats, approx. 20 acres of which is Native Burial Mounds. Land would be left open to public use (approved uses will be clarified), and no building will be allowed.

Said purchase would be ½ funded through Knowls Nelson Grant, and ½ funded through a loan from DNR. Loan would be at 0% interest, payments would be 40% of harvest profit from each harvest of the land, with next harvest approx. 5-10 years (a harvest and planting plan would be set up between county and DNR after purchase is completed). Town would receive 10% of harvest profit, plus .66 cents per acre in tax revenue (vs the current .74 cents per acre). If in agreement, Dustin requests a letter of support from the township, to help expedite the process. Mark and Town Board to send letter of support to Dustin.

7. Review Comprehensive Plan Chapters 7-9:

Pg 61 Section 35 of map (5 quadrants) State Forest-Wendy to clarify with Sam

Pg 61 Section 8 and 9 of map-Add that Adams County is looking to purchase 360 acres

8. Review updated land use maps: Section 8 will be County Forest and NOT Commercial as discussed earlier

9. Other business, comments: None

10. Next Meeting: July 19, 2023 @ 6pm and Public Hearing July 26 @ 6:30pm

11. Adjourn: 6:49 pm Mark Approved, Pam Second, All in Favor.