

ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
Department of Land Management
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2008 11:00 AM
COUNTY BOARD ROOM

Chairman Halderson called the meeting to order at 11:51 AM.

Committee members present: Paul Halderson, Gary Monson, Gerry Van Tassel, Chuck Zauner. Dave Quarne. Richard Kiekhoefer, Michelle Haines Todd McRoberts were absent.

Staff/Advisors present: Kevin Lien, Virginette Gamroth, Andrea Sveen, Vickie Stalheim.

Others present: Personnel Director Jami Kabus, Deloras Vind, Sheree Nelson.

Halderson stated that the Open Meeting Law had been complied with through notifications and posting.

Approval of Agenda – Van Tassel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Quarne seconded, motion carried unopposed.

Halderson stated he just wanted to keep the Committee informed as to what went on at the Budget hearings. Halderson added that a lot of the discussion encompassed the UDC inspector position not generating enough income, at which time Lien explained that the UDC inspector does zoning work also. Halderson stated the Exec./Finance Committee is looking for a reduced budget and perhaps another position reduction. Halderson had explained to the Exec./Finance Committee that Ken Myers position was removed, Greg Leonard's former position was removed and Halderson gave his opinion they were leaning pretty hard on Land Management to balance the budget. Lien added that half of Reed McRoberts position was eliminated, he went upstairs with 85% of the money but half the workload stayed behind and the proposed Ag and Non-Ag Supervisor positions have been eliminated. Gamroth added that her half time position in Land Conservation had been eliminated. Zauner questioned what position they are looking to cut? Halderson stated discussion took place about the Planning position because of the planning being completed in 2009. Zauner stated Department of Land Management has a zero percent increase right now what more are they looking for? Nelson who is on Exec. /Finance stated a lot of the discussion is coming from what the future official structure of the Department will be. Halderson stated that part of the problem is that budgeting is coming ahead of our structure set-up. Lien added that future position descriptions will depend on who the new Director is so how can we cut anymore from the budget unless we know which positions are needed. Stalheim reminded the Committee that we are still waiting for notification on whether or not any of our 10 TRM grants submitted are approved because we could be in need of another technician. Halderson reiterated that he called this meeting so that the whole Committee was informed on what was discussed during the Budget hearings so he had the consensus of what direction the Committee wanted to go.

Monson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 PM, Quarne seconded, motion carried unopposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginette Gamroth, Recording Secretary

Michelle Haines
Secretary