Joint Planning Alliance

Barry County
Carlton Township
City of Hastings
Hastings Charter Township
Rutland Charter Township

Draft Meeting Minutes October 16, 2023

Chairperson Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

For Barry County: Jim McManus For Carlton Township: Jack Miner

For Hastings City: Sarah Moyer-Cale, Jon Hook, David Tossava

For Hastings Township: Jim Brown

For Rutland Township: Gene Hall, Larry Watson

Members Absent: Joe Bleam (Carlton Twp), Brad Carpenter (Carlton Twp), David Olson (Hastings Twp), Scott Savage (Hastings Twp), Dave Hatfield (Barry County), Larry Haywood (Rutland Twp).

Others present: None.

Chairperson Watson led the JPA members in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: It was moved by Tossava and seconded by McManus to approve the agenda. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Hook and seconded by McManus to approve the minutes of August 21, 2023. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Old Business:

Hastings Charter Township had no report. Barry County reported that they are working on an ordinance regarding solar fields although they expect this issue to be taken over by the state. Carlton Township representation stated that they are looking into road maintenance and cost issues from farming equipment. Hastings City discussed the streetscape project, RRC Certification, and the construction of Tyden Lofts. Rutland Township reported that the ADU proposition has been tabled due to lack of public interest.

JPC Update – The JPC will be meeting on Wednesday, October 18th to review a site plan by Flex Fab.

M-37 Corridor Committee – McManus shared that the M-37 Corridor Committee will be meeting October 27th regarding an application from Peace Lutheran Church in Thornapple Township.

Opportunities for Collaboration – Watson inquired about the possible use of the compost facility by residents of Algonquin Lake. Moyer-Cale stated she would discuss this with Public Services and come up with a cost.

New Business: None.

Public Comments: None.

Committee Member Comments: None.

Adjournment: It was moved by Tossava and seconded by Hook to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Moyer-Cale Recording Secretary