

LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS STUDY GROUP
Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 1:00 p.m., Courthouse, Room 207C
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Mary Lou Bergman.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mary Lou Bergman, Christine Ostern, Pat Ryan, Jane Anklam, Nick Baker, Terry White, Steve Rannenberg, Carolyn Pierce (Advisor). Others present – Mark Liebaert, Shelley Nelson, Dan Corbin, Mary Brill, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Baker, second White, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2016, meeting. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Review of Previous Meeting: Ordinances reviewed and manure spraying presentation given; manure spraying is considered best available management practice to aid against water pollution. Transportation is a concern due to large machinery on failing roads; challenges of creating or reforming zoning districts discussed.

Bayfield County Ordinance Challenge Update: Still in court; DNR and Bayfield County attempting to negotiate proposed ordinance.

ACTION ITEMS:

Large-Scale Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations: Bayfield County chapter 6.0 ordinance is in court for negotiation. New CAFOs consist of over 5,000 animal units; separate regulations for different size operations discussed.

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second White, to recommend a draft ordinance for Douglas County, using Bayfield's ordinance as a template, and incorporate other potential regulatory options. Motion carried.

South Fish Creek Watershed Animal Waste Storage and Management: Bayfield County chapter 7.0 ordinance currently being challenged in court; questionable items in ordinance to be reviewed for change, if Douglas County adopts similar.

ACTION: Motion by Ryan, second White, to refer to next meeting. Motion carried.

Review Other Options for Regulation: Manure storage ordinance exists in many southern counties. Bayfield County drafting ordinance; template to be provided next meeting. Manure digester requirement for CAFOs may be another option to include in ordinance.

Next Steps (Meeting Date and Topics): Meeting date and time to be determined among committee members.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Chapter 6 ordinance draft; Chapter 7 ordinance review; ordinance challenge update; watershed information; manure storage ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Baker, second Ryan, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Submitted by,
Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk