Land Records: Fitzl stated that LIDAR & 2015 ortho photos have been uploaded to ADC’s FTP site for updating on the web. The village parcel migration is complete. Borton has been working on the RFPs for remonumentation and scanning tie sheets and section corners. The WLIA conference will be held February 10-12th.

Register of Deeds: Carol Johnson stated back scanning is still being done. She shared her frustration with the change from ROD direct to the GCS web portal. She seems to be getting sent from one person to another and no progress is being made. Discussed the need to work with the IT department to get this done.

Zoning: Tesky stated a few permits are being applied for. Tesky met with a property owner who was issued a citation twice to try and resolve the violation. Most of the items have been removed or put in storage. There should be a rezoning application coming in for the home burial site in the Town of Stubbs. The DSPS audit for the sanitary program will be held on February 23.

LCDD report: Tesky reported the GIS intern applications are in. The V2 submission is due to the DOA by the end of March. This will include parcel information, zoning data, and assessment records. Discussed the software needs of the City of Ladysmith. Bid openings for the RFPs for Big Bend and the county boundary will be opened today. Tesky has worked on line item transfers and will need contingency funds for the Land Conservation budget. Wildlife damage claim and SWRM reimbursement still need to be submitted.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 2:00 P.M. to open a public hearing for SoCore Energy in the Town of Marshall. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:14 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed staff recommendations. The contract with the property owner is for 35 years and SoCore is responsible to remove the structures at the end of the lease. Motion by Fisher/Knops to approve the request for the solar farm with the staff recommendations as conditions. Motion carried.

Bid opening:
N ½ of Big Bend: Hiess-Loken $60,800; North 40 $25,650; Cedar Corp $45,182; Quest Civil $32,604; Maines & Assoc. $36,600; Steigerwaldt $22,610; Polk Co Land $29,944.

S ½ of Big Bend: Hiess-Loken $67,200; North 40 $23,500; Rusk Surveying $33,780.60; Steigerwaldt $24,990; Maines & Assoc. $37,200; Quest Civil $34,440; Cedar Corp. $49,938.

East County Boundary: North 40 $13,340; Rusk Surveying $18,191.25; Steigerwaldt $10,915; Maines & Assoc. $17,800; Quest Civil $13,764; Cedar Corp. $18,296.50.

Motion by Fisher/Stout to award the projects to the low bidders. N ½ of Big Bend the East county boundary to Steigerwaldt and the S ½ of Big Bend to North 40 Surveying. Motion carried.

Shoreland language: Reviewed the draft language that was submitted to the committee. This included Sections 50-176 to 50-187.

The next regular meeting will be March 8, 2016.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:10 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator
NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED

ZONING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING

BRETT BECHTEL – SOCORE ENERGY
FEBRUARY 9, 2016
SOLAR FARM

Members Present: David Willingham, Karl Fisher, Robert Stout and Arian Knops . Staff Present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson.

Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing was a conditional use request to allow a solar farm the following described real estate:

A parcel in the SW ¼ - SW ¼ , Section 6, T33N, R5W.

Property owner:  Brett Bechtel                     Petitioner:  Socore Energy
N2256 CTH I                                      225 W Hubbard St.  Suite 200
Conrath, WI  54731                             Chicago, IL  60654

Tesky read the notice of public hearing which was posted per the requirements of a Class (2) notice. The town clerk and owner were notified by Certified Mail and neighboring property owners within 500’ were notified by First Class Mail. Tesky explained that the township has approved the application. This request is on an 8 acre parcel and has access off Badger Road. Reviewed the application.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. Laura Cassberry was present to represent SoCore energy and stated she would answer any questions regarding the project.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone to speak in opposition to the request. Paul Smuda stated he is an adjacent property owners and was concerned if any restrictions would be placed on neighboring properties. Cassberry responded that there would not be any restrictions on neighboring land uses.

Charles Nichols lives near the area and feels solar energy is the way America needs to go. The hydro dams are aging and in the west they use a lot of wind energy. Nichols expressed concern about above ground power lines and transmission lines. Cassberry stated there will not be any new transmission lines due to the location of the nearby substation.

Knops asked what generating capacity would come from the 8 acres of solar panels. It was stated that it would be approximately 1,000 KW per day and would accommodate approximately 1,000 homes.
NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED
Chairman Willingham asked 3 times for anyone else present in favor or against the request to speak. There being no further testimony, Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:14 P.M.

ZONING MEETING

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