

Effingham Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes August 28, 2013

Present: Barbara Thompson, Tom Thompson (chair), Bill Piekut

Absent: AnnMarie Sargent

Minutes prepared by Barbara Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:08.

Minutes: Correction: Bill moved and Tom seconded to accept the July minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Master Plan

Gwen supplied Tom with a list of current use land owners and labels for a mailing to invite those on the list to attend a forum for input and comments for an AG chapter. At the moment the group is looking to hold this meeting in October. We want to be sure to invite the BOS, ECC, ZBA, PB Wendy Scribner and Jim Morris (who might possibly run the forum for us). Tom had a copy of the Natural Resource Chapter that is going to be presented to the public on 9/5 for comments, approval and insertion into the Master Plan. There is a lot of pertinent information that could be referenced in an AG chapter. Tom had assembled packets of information from his research of other communities and passed out a folder to everyone. We will all look this over and start to come up with an outline for the chapter and present our ideas at the next meeting. It was also suggested we review the current use list at the September meeting.

New Business: 2014 Budget

In reviewing figures for this last year in preparation for work on the 2014 budget, it became apparent there were no disbursements as yet for the year. Barbara offered to check with Claudia regarding our membership fees to see when they might be due. Otherwise, the members voted to keep the budget the same as last year. The figures are as follows.

Membership dues	\$80
Printing	\$40
Supplies	\$40
Workshops	\$90
Total	\$250

Other Business: None

Bill moved and Tom seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

These minutes are considered draft until approved at a regular meeting of the Agricultural Commission. Any corrections will be noted in the next meeting minutes.