

The Clay County Zoning Commission meeting was called to order by chairperson, Keith Kruse at 1:08 PM.

Those in attendance were Robert White, David Kaus, Keith Kruse, L. R. Petersen, Sharon McKeever, and Tammy McKeever. Special Guests included Steve Hallgren of Northwest Iowa Planning & Development and Larry Chapman.

Larry Chapman gave an informal proposal regarding developing a parcel of land located in Section 8 of Riverton Township. There are 61 total acres and Mr. Chapman would divide the property into two properties each being approximately 300' deep with farmable ground. Following all discussion, by general consensus the board agreed Larry Chapman could go forward with a preliminary plat.

Steve Hallgren, Northwest Iowa Planning & Development, provided the zoning commission some history in regards to his experience with zoning issues, plans for rewriting and timeline. The comprehensive plan or the long range planning document needs new land use maps, composition of land use, goals, future growth and policy recommendations. Mr. Hallgren would like to have a draft for review in March, review goals and objectives in April, wrap up details in May and adopt in June. We would then begin working on the zoning ordinance from June to December 2009.

Future meetings will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, Tuesday, April 28, and Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

Steve provided the planning & zoning commission a few pages from the current comprehensive plan and asked the commission to review them for the next meeting. Mr. Hallgren will be working on the history and population chapters. Next month we will look at growth trends.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 by general consensus.

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Sharon L. McKeever, Secretary