La Crosse County Land Information Council Meeting – August 7, 2013 – 3 p. m.
La Crosse County Administrative Building Room 3220

Council Members present: Ron Roth – Land Information Officer; Cheryl McBride – Register of Deeds; Shawn Handland – County Treasurer; Pam Hollnagel – Real Property Lister; Dave Holtze – La Crosse County Board; Brian Stephan – Realtor; Nancy Heimke – La Crosse County Emergency Services; John Parshall – La Crosse County Information Technologies Director; Bryan Meyer – La Crosse County Surveyor. Also present: Charlie Handy – La Crosse County Planner & Tom Faella – Metropolitan Planning Organization

The meeting began with some insight as to the function of the land records council and the use of the land records funds in the past.

Discussion followed on land records funding project requests for 2014. Those five requests:

**PROJECT REQUESTS:**

1. Land Conservation – Upgrade GPS Hardware/Software to continue to support their ArcGIS Hydrologic Modeling Project; GPS equipment from Carlson; est. cost $20,000
2. Emergency Management – to complete various unfinished GIS Projects & to incorporate new Projects; GIS Specialist(Intern); est. costs 420hrs/$25hr = $10,500
3. WROC (Aerial Imagery Committee) – help finance an Aerial Flight for La Crosse County and parts of Minnesota to be flown in 2015; Ayres Associates/Aero-Metric; est. cost $40,000 ($20,000 in 2014 & $20,000 in 2015); possible cost reduction if other stakeholders are brought on board
4. Register of Deeds – to finish Scanning Project of documents recorded from 1934 back to the start of recorded documents; Fidlar; est. cost $88,500
5. Environmental Health – Upgrade GPS Hardware/Software to continue their Septic/Well Projects; GPS Vendor; est. cost $13,000

After a healthy discussion, the Council decided the following:

- Cheryl McBride offered to remove item number 4 from the list and the Council agreed.
- John Parshall suggested that item number 2 could be handled by current County Staff and the Council agreed that it could be removed from the list as well.
- The full Council agreed that item 3 would be the most beneficial item to a wide range of residents, local units of government, private sector professionals and GIS users.
- The Council then looked at items 1 and 5 and suggested that these two items could be combined since they are similar in nature. The hope is that some cost savings could be realized by combining the two requests.
The Council, by consensus, recommends to the Planning, Resources and Development Committee that $20,000.00 be applied to the WROC Aerial Imagery effort in 2014. The Council also recommends that the GPS equipment requests for the Land Conservation Department and the Environmental Health Department be approved with the expectation that the final cost for both sets of GPS equipment will be less than $33,000.00.

Respectfully submitted:
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