



PLANNING COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Harris, Kenzie Singleton, Stanley Rasmussen

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Amy Brown, Mary Miller

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Frank Norman, Jim Weaver, Barbara Clark, Jason Fizell, Bev Worster

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Received presentation from Jim Weaver with the Douglas County Conservation District
<http://www.douglascdd.org/>
 - Discussed the multiple projects they do including outreach regarding proper agricultural practices(terracing and no-till), abandoned well plugging, demonstration projects, stream stabilization, prescribed burn programs, etc.
 - Key things to include in chapter are rural stream buffers, keeping crossings of the Wakarusa River to a minimum, grazing ordinance, and protections for water quality.
- Received presentation from Barbara Clark, representing Citizens for Responsible Planning, regarding prime agricultural soils.
 - CRP also has concerns with stormwater run-off and infrastructure costs, as well as prime agricultural soils.
 - Talked about protecting Class 1 and 2 Prime Agricultural soils, as well as hydric soils and connecting both of them with other lands identified for open space.
 - Discussed using Transferable Development Rights to protect prime soils. Also, using agricultural protection zones.
 - Protecting agricultural land is an important step to support locally grown food programs.
- Received presentation from Jason Fizell with the Kansas Land Trust
 - Usually the land trust receives easements usually in the form of donations from willing landowners.
 - The land is a minimum of 20-40 acres.
 - Must fit in one the five categories: ecological, scenic, historical, agricultural, recreational.

NEXT STEPS:

- Staff is working to draft language and set up future educational meetings for the remaining sections.

FUTURE CPC MEETING DATES:

- Thursday, January 22, 2009 4:15-6:00pm