

January 13, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee meeting was duly called and held on January 13, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Farrell, Leone, Cheatham, Racine and Krook.

Absent: Commissioners Potvin and Steele.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

A letter from the Department of Natural Resources was read approving the Board's selection of an engineering firm to conduct the Lake Michigan engineering study. The department requested they be forwarded the contract with Coleman Engineering, Co. for approval before it is signed. The letter also stated funds for the study can be used to pay Brown and Root, Inc. for time and travel expenses incurred by that firm.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine and supported by Commissioner Leone to table payment to Brown and Root, Inc. pending receipt of a bill from that firm. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham and supported by Commissioner Leone that the Department of Natural Resources be forwarded the contract with Coleman Engineering, Co. prior to signing. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes for an RC&D meeting were noted. Commissioner Farrell stated RC&D provides funds for projects in the County and have conducted studies in the area.

A Notice of Permits Issued for construction on waterways was presented. It was noted that Ontonagon County received a permit for fill work on the Ontonagon River; Houghton County for a seawall on Chassell Bay, Portage Lake; Marquette County for beach nourishment on Lake Superior; and Keweenaw County for the construction of a dock on Lake Superior.

Commissioner Farrell stated the Board have expressed support of the beach nourishment project in Marquette near Picnic Rocks. He added, since 1939 when additional construction was done on the breakwater 250' of beach area has washed away. The Corps of Engineers has accepted blame for this erosion as they did the construction work on the breakwater and will assume all costs for the listed project.

Several A-95 reviews were then presented. Commissioner Farrell stated these are for new projects requiring Federal or State funding which have been applied for by cities, townships, counties, county agencies, etc. Each proposal goes through CUPPAD in Escanaba, which has been designated the regional clearinghouse. Any unit of government that may be affected by the proposal receives an A-95 review.

The Michigan State Housing Development Agency applied for funds to undertake construction of a group home for 16 moderately retarded persons, to be located on Lincoln Avenue in Marquette. Commissioner Farrell mentioned that Sundara, Inc. provides a home for those people who are somewhat independent. The agency is asking for \$317,000.00. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to comment favorably on the application.

The Alger-Marquette Community Action Agency is asking for \$17,200.00 to set up a business to manufacture wood stoves and other energy conserving devices "plus ancillary enterprises utilizing low-income, unemployed and handicapped personnel". The contact person is Arthur Draper.

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It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham and supported by Commissioner Leone to comment favorably on the project. Commissioner Leone stated fires have resulted from using this type of stove because people do not know how to care for them.

It was noted that an identical application was received on this same matter requesting \$71,900.00, hence Commissioner Cheatham withdrew her original motion and moved that full applications be requested, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously.

The secretary was directed to contact Mr. Draper and invite him to attend the next Environmental Quality Committee meeting to discuss the subject.

Forsyth Township has applied for \$33,000.00, 50-50 matching funds, to complete Phase III of the Forsyth Township Sports Area. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to comment favorably on the application.

As there was no further business to come before the committee the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb  
Secretary

February 10, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee was duly called and held on February 10, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Farrell, Leone, Krook, Potvin and Steele.

Absent: Commissioners Racine and Cheatham.

In Attendance: Art Draper of AMCAB.

Art Draper was present to discuss his grant applications for the manufacture of wood burning stoves. The committee had discussed A-95 reviews on two similar projects submitted by AMCAB at their last meeting, and Mr. Draper had been invited to discuss them with the committee.

Mr. Draper stated the grant applications were submitted for two programs. One concerned a winterizing program, and the other dealt with a special impact program to look to the feasibility of wood as a source of energy for low-income people. Mr. Draper stated two proposals for each program were submitted to be sure they would be considered for available grants.

Two wood burning stoves and one sawdust burning stove were built to determine which was more efficient. An additional ten wood burning stoves were then constructed of 1/2" heavy steel, which Mr. Draper felt were safely constructed. Special instruction was provided on the use of these stoves. Mr. Draper stated had the program been continued instruction would have been provided, however, a market analysis had shown there is only a marginal market for these stoves.

Commissioner Leone asked if the fire marshal had been contacted concerning the safety of the stoves and Mr. Draper stated they were not required to do so. Commissioner Potvin asked why they wished to manufacture stoves rather than buy them and distribute them to low-income people. Art Draper stated they had hoped it would be cheaper to construct them.

Mr. Draper then left the meeting.

The committee discussed the Board's policy on A-95 reviews. Commissioner Farrell briefly explained the purpose of A-95 reviews. He stated agencies receiving these forms can give favorable or unfavorable responses on the projects or request more complete information.

Commissioner Farrell stated approximately one half of all A-95 reviews deal with some aspect of the environment which is why they have been turned over to the Environmental Quality Committee.

The committee felt the current policy should not be changed.

A communication from CUPPAD, asking that county recreational projects be submitted to them to be placed on a priority list, was read. This communication had been referred to the Environmental Quality Committee at the last Board meeting. As the county has no recreational projects being planned the communication was filed.

It was noted Perkins Park is operated by the County Road Commission.

Discussion was held on the engineering study on Lake Michigamme, which is being funded by the Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Farrell read a letter from the DNR approving the county's selection of Coleman Engineering, Co. to conduct the study, and requesting that the contract with Coleman be submitted for approval by them before it is signed by the county. The letter also stated that funds for the study may be used to pay expenses incurred by Brown and Root, Inc. for services done on the study.



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Brown and Root, Inc. has submitted a bill of \$674.95 for engineering services connected with the lake level study.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously that the Board be recommended to pay the bill submitted by Brown and Root, Inc., in the amount of \$674.95, from funds received for the engineering study.

A communication from Coleman Engineering Co. enclosing contracts for the Board's approval was presented to the committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to send a copy of the contract to the Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

A Notice of Permits Issued from the Corps of Engineers, for construction on waterways was presented. It was noted there were no permits issued for construction on Michigan waterways.

A communication from the Upper Peninsula Health Systems, Agency, Inc. on review and comment procedures, for the committee's information, on their application for designation as a health system agency was noted and filed.

Commissioner Potvin questioned whether the city must conduct an environmental impact study in regard to their proposed extension of the power plant. Commissioner Farrell believed as the project was funded by the city, not with state or federal money, such a study was not required. He will check into this, however.

Commissioner Potvin asked if the county had any responsibility for the city's industrial park. Commissioner Farrell felt they did not.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb  
Secretary



March 24, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee was duly called and held March 24, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Farrell, Leone, Steele, Cheatham, Krook and Racine.

Absent: Commissioner Potvin.

In Attendance: Dave Ottoson, Soil Conservation Service; and Lyn Johnson, County Planner.

Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order.

A communication from the Marquette County Health Department, enclosed with a copy of the revised Sanitary Code of Marquette County, was presented. Attached was an opinion from the Prosecutor's Office stating the document is "comprehensive and workable". It was noted the Health Board adopted the code at their February 21, 1977 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they approve the revised Sanitary Code of Marquette County.

Notice of Application to place riprap in Chocolay River was reviewed by the committee. This communication had been referred to the committee by the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to file the communication.

Dave Ottoson from the Soil Conservation Service was present to discuss a seedling planting project with the committee, and also H.B. 4080 which would authorize a soil survey.

Mr. Ottoson stated a church group is interested in planting seedlings, at no cost, for an Arbor Day project. He informed the committee that Fred Metzger would supervise the plantings and provide the equipment needed.

Mr. Ottoson stated Dick Coombs had mentioned the county had considered this type of project. It was noted money was appropriated from the Forestry Commission to plant birch seedlings in the Brookridge area. Mr. Ottoson suggested red or scotch pine since birch seedlings may be difficult to obtain. Commissioner Steele felt birch seedlings should not be planted as a disease has been affecting these trees during the past few years.

Dave Ottoson will check with the Controller on the release of funds from the Forestry Commission for the purchase of seedlings.

Mr. Ottoson then discussed H.B. 4080, which supports state funding for a soils survey, with the committee, and asked that they consider supporting passage of the bill. He provided a sample resolution in support of the project in Michigan for the committee's information.

The committee discussed the R.C.&D. Committee. Mr. Ottoson reported the committee has been involved in several Marquette County projects such as the Ishpeming Ski Hill; Tourist Park; Presque Isle, which involves sodding, black topping, constructing steps; placement of riprap in the Chocolay River; erosion control.

Dave Ottoson then left the meeting.

The committee discussed H.B. 4080. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they support House Bill 4080 and adopt a resolution to that effect. The resolution will be sent to Representative Jacobetti.

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Commissioner Racine stated necessary permits for trucks carrying well drills are not being issued from the Road Commission. He stated Mike Zorza will discuss this problem with John Beerling to see if some solution can be reached.

A Notice of Application for Permit to construct a boat-launching ramp on Engman Lake was noted and filed.

Notices of permits issued for construction on waterways were presented. Three such projects are located in the Upper Peninsula counties of Houghton, Keewenaw and Alger, all involving landfill.

A letter from the Marquette County Health Department updating the committee on the status of the on-land sewage disposal in Marquette County and providing information on the joint sewage treatment plant being planned by the City of Marquette and the Townships of Chocolay and Marquette was read. The communication stated the plant is designed to accommodate needs up to the year 2000.

Lyn Johnson entered the meeting to discuss the Zoning Ordinance with the committee. He stated all commissioners have received a communication regarding two proposed changes in the ordinance. The changes have been approved by the Planning Commission and must be approved by the Board. The changes are: 1) Re-zone Skandia Village from Rural Residential 2 to Rural Residential 1; 2) To alter the cost of Zoning Compliance Permit Fees from \$10.00 to \$1.00 and reinstate the Conditional Use permit procedure and it's \$40.00 fee.

It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that these amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance be approved.

Lyn Johnson then left the meeting.

A communication from the County Health Department stating they had received requests from a Chocolay Township resident concerning dry wells in that township, and noting their action on these requests, was read and filed.

A communication from CUPPAD calling for Water and Wastewater projects was discussed. This had been referred to the committee by the Board. The possibility of re-submitting the Mid-Marquette Water Authority grant was discussed. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously that this project be re-submitted to CUPPAD for consideration.

A communication from Tom McNabb requesting support of the Implementation Committee's grant application was read and discussed. The committee is requesting a resolution of support from the county for this grant.

Commissioner Farrell stated he will get more information on this matter for the next meeting. Discussion was tabled until that time.

It was noted that Dick Coombs had represented the county on the Implementation Committee and presently the county has no representation.

Commissioner Farrell stated the DNR has mentioned adding an addendum to the Lake Michigan lake level study to explore the possibility of using Lake Michigan water for industrial use during critical periods.

Commissioner Cheatham stated that the seedling planting project had been named the Bicentennial Birches. The committee felt there would be no problem in purchasing another type of tree.

As there was no further business to attend to the committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren J. Chubb  
Secretary

April 28, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee meeting was duly called and held April 28, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Leone, Steele, Farrell, Krook, Racine, Cheatham and Potvin.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Holly Greer, Mayor, City of Marquette; Dagmar Pompo, Marquette Township; Ron Koshorek, Chocolay Township Manager.

Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order. He stated representatives from the City of Marquette and Townships of Chocolay and Marquette were invited to discuss the sewage disposal facility they are constructing in the future. He noted the Board had been asked that bonding be done through the County Department of Public Works.

Mr. Koshorek stated the tri-unit agreement was formed to share costs and the county was asked to sell the bonds as they could obtain preferential rates. The units of government will contract the plant from the county and when the bonds are paid off it will be turned over to the three units of government. Mr. Koshorek stated the bond issue will be 20 years. The plant is designed for a projected population 20 years from now. It was noted there will be an Advisory Board with one member from each township and three from the City of Marquette. This Board will not be able to take official action but will make recommendations to the units of government. The City and County will enter a contract for the City to run the plant.

Commissioner Farrell asked if there is a provision for equitable rates for companies who are picking up septic tank sewage and currently dumping it onland. Mayor Greer stated this has not been mentioned. Mr. Koshorek stated a digester will be built specifically to handle this type of disposal and perhaps the subject could be discussed by the Advisory Board.

Mayor Greer stated the plant will have a greater capacity than the current plant and will have a secondary treatment process in addition to the primary treatment they have now. She added, seepage from the storm sewers to the sanitary sewers will be alleviated with the new plant.

Mayor Greer suggested the committee send a letter to the Advisory Board asking them to consider the rate problem for septic tank sewage disposal. She will notify the committee when the Board is formed. The method of charging for septic tank sewage disposal, which will have to be metered, was briefly discussed. It was noted, each unit of government will pay on a volume basis, in addition to paying for their own lines. Commissioner Farrell stated the committee's concern is that rates set for private companies to dump sewage are equitable.

Commissioner Potvin mentioned the possibility of a member of the county being represented on the Advisory Board. Mayor Greer stated the county could possibly have an ex officio member, but does not feel there should be a voting member on the Board unless the county shares in the cost. Commissioner Potvin felt the county should have a voting member.

Mr. Koshorek provided the committee with a copy of the agreement between the units of government. Copies will be sent to all committee members. Mr. Koshorek and Mrs. Pompo then left the meeting.

Commissioner Farrell read a letter from Tom McNabb on the tri-county Solid Waste/Resource Recovery System. The Implementation Committee, formed to pursue the possibility of such a system, requested a resolution of support from the county for a grant application for the EPA to study resource recovery alternatives. Such action will help in processing the technical assistance grant application.



Mayor Greer stated the purpose of the Solid Waste/Resource and Recovery Program is to deal with energy problems, and the trouble many local units of government have in meeting sanitary landfill standards. Mayor Greer stated a feasibility study was completed June, 1976.

Mayor Greer stated the program's success is dependent on the recovery of aluminum from solid waste and there is concern over the affect the disposable can ban will have on the program's feasibility. Representatives were appointed, from units of government, to study the possibility of expanding the program over a larger area. This group has met since September, 1976. The EPA will study the practicality of the program should the technical assistance grant be approved.

Commissioner Potvin stated small towns could ship their solid waste to the recovery system by rail, which would benefit them since they are having a problem with landfill standards and will make it practicable to build the plant.

Commissioner Farrell noted Richard Coombs is no longer a member of the Board so the county is not represented on the Implementation Committee. Mayor Greer stated the next meeting of the committee is May 13, at 12:00 noon, at the Holiday Inn. Mayor Greer then left the meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that Commissioner Potvin be appointed to replace Richard Coombs as a representative of the County Board on the Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Implementation Committee.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the county endorse the committee's application for a grant through the EPA to study the feasibility of the project.

Discussion returned briefly to the disposal system planned by the City of Marquette and Townships of Marquette and Chocoley. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin and supported by Commissioner Cheatham to recommend to the Board that they request a voting member be placed on the Advisory Board. Following discussion on the motion it was withdrawn. It was then moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously that the Chairman check with the prosecuting attorney to see if they have a legal right to sit on the committee. If it is legal the original motion will be submitted as a recommendation to the Board.

Lyn Johnson entered the meeting and provided the committee with information on a request by Edward Scott to rezone Section 10, T46N, R23W, Skandia Township, from resource production to RR-2. The Planning Commission denied this request and the Board must concur with the recommendation for it to be effective.

Commissioner Farrell stated many people will be asking for rezoning in the the county. A fee is paid for each request and a public hearing is set up. The Environmental Quality Committee must make a recommendation to the Board that they act positively or negatively on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The whole process, as it is now, can take ten weeks.

Commissioner Farrell felt it might be possible to change the procedure. Some recommendations could go directly to the Board rather than going through the Environmental Quality Committee, which would cut down the time factor. Information on each request could be sent to members of the committee and if there is concern at the time the Planning Commission presents their recommendation to the Board the matter could be referred to the Environmental Quality Committee.

The committee felt the current practice should be continued and if problems arise changes in the procedure will be considered.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation on Edward Scott's rezoning request.

Jim Jeski entered the meeting to discuss antlerless deer permits, and read a communication that had also been received by the Board on possible alternatives to the present system. Mr. Jeski stated the DNR is attempting to devise a new method of issuing antlerless deer permits on a state-wide basis. They are trying to come up with a system more equitable to the public for those areas that have antlerless deer hunting. This mostly concerns downstate areas, but the DNR intends to meet with all counties.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they not take a position on the DNR's advisement concerning antlerless deer permits, as presented in the letter to the Board, as there is not enough information available or direct involvement by the county.

Commissioner Farrell asked the committee to look at literature on Project Seafarer for discussion at the next meeting so a recommendation to the Board on a position concerning Project Seafarer can be made.

A communication from the DNR on the county's contract with Coleman Engineering Co. was read. The Attorney General's Office has not cleared the contract but the DNR stated they have approved the contract and recommend that a completion date be included in the contract. Commissioner Farrell will contact the DNR on when the county can expect the contract. Also, a letter will be written to Coleman Engineering Co. asking how much time they will need to do the job so that a completion date can be put in the contract once it is approved.

Part 10 of the Michigan Energy Code was presented. Copies will be sent to the committee members for discussion at the next meeting.

Notice of Permits Issued for construction on waterways was presented. It was noted, Marquette County Road Commission received a permit for fill in an "unnamed creek", and a permit was issued to Alger County for a boat ramp.

The possibility of a boat ramp on the Little Garlic once the DNR purchases the land from CCI was discussed. The committee felt a recommendation on this should come from the Planning Commission.

A communication from CUPPAD calling for Solid Waste Projects was noted, and filed on a motion by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously.

A notice from the Army Corps of Engineers that the environmental impact statement for proposed units 7, 8 and 9 for the Presque Isle Generating Station has been completed was noted. On a motion by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously, the committee authorized the Chairman to write a letter requesting that impact studies be conducted and presented to the public prior to construction.

A communication from CUPPAD concerning the Regional Water Quality Plan was discussed. This had been referred by the Board. Commissioner Farrell stated CUPPAD produced a regional water quality plan about eight years ago, which has since been updated. CUPPAD is requesting the committee's comments on the updated study. This information will be studied, as well as the original report, for discussion at the next meeting.

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Commissioner Farrell stated he and Dave Ottoson had checked the Brookridge property to see how much fencing should be installed, and where, in order to protect seedlings which will be planted in the area in the near future. Commissioner Farrell stated 150' of fencing should be installed from the county road along the property line, and then down to the ski hill area as an interim measure. The committee will meet at that area prior to their next meeting to inspect the site before a recommendation is made. Commissioner Potvin suggested having the Sheriff's Department post "Keep Out" signs in the area. Commissioner Farrell will notify Dave Ottoson to have the seedlings planted in areas where vehicles do not drive for the present time.

A notice of a seminar on resource recovery systems was noted. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to file the letter.

An A-95 review for employment training submitted by the Chippewa Indians in Sault. Ste. Marie was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to file the review. An A-95 review for employment training by the Six County Consortium was also discussed. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to endorse the project.

As there was no further business to attend to, it was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Clubb  
Secretary



May 26, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee was duly called and held at 7:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Farrell, Racine, Steele, Potvin, Leone, Krook and Cheatham.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Air Force representatives Olshner and Rees; Al Bakalarski, CUPPAD; Lyn Johnson, County Planner; and Commissioner May.

Officers Olshner and Rees were present to discuss the affect of low altitude training flights over parts of the Upper Peninsula, which includes a portion of Marquette County. A map was presented showing the area in which they wish to conduct the training flights. They noted steps are taken to protect environment, such as geese migration, and business interests, and they will avoid areas where problems could occur. A short film on intercept missions was shown for the committee's information.

A letter to the County Planner will be sent from the committee asking for his comments on the affects of such training in the proposed Marquette County area, to the supervisors in the townships affected, and also to Commissioner Anderson, as it is in his district. The Air Force will also contact the Michigan and Republic Townships supervisors for their input. The officers then left the meeting.

Al Bakalarski was present to discuss the Regional Water Quality Plan conducted by CUPPAD. He explained the program design to the committee and the review process conducted at each step of the plan. A Technical Advisory Committee made up of industrial, mining, forestry, Health Department, and DNR representatives reviewed the first report, which the county received. This is also submitted to the Planning Commission and OEDP Committees. Information obtained on projection studies on population, employment, land use, etc., can be used by local governments in developing wastewater treatment plans.

CUPPAD is also conducting a Water Assessment Program. It was noted by Commissioner Farrell, the sewage from the Marquette Mall, Holiday Inn and Shopko goes directly into Wetstone Creek, and should be investigated by CUPPAD.

Mr. Bakalarski left the meeting and Lyn Johnson entered to discuss the Michigan Energy Code, and re-zoning requests.

Lyn stated a series of energy code requirements were developed by the State of Michigan because of the energy crisis. He noted Michigan produces only 4% of the energy they consume. He stated, basically, the code deals with installing storm windows and doors, and insulation in newly constructed homes.

A resolution from Mackinac County opposing the Energy Code, which was referred to the committee by the Board, was discussed with the Planner, who disagreed with some of the statements made in the resolution. He noted the counties did have an opportunity to provide input into the code, while the resolution stated they did not. He noted many manufacturers are already producing windows and doors which meet the requirements in the code. The resolution was placed on file.

Commissioner Farrell was concerned with the State passing legislation causing additional county expenses. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone, and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that a letter be sent to Representative Jacobetti, Senator Mack and Governor Milliken noting the county is complying with the new Energy Code but that they oppose legislative mandates in which funds are not provided by the State for compliance..

Re-zoning requests were submitted by Lyn Johnson and discussed by the committee. It was noted Lyn will provide re-zoning requests information to all Board members.

Lyn stated he would like the Board to table two requests for re-zoning in Chocoday Township as the township now has its own ordinance and the county does not have authority to handle the requests. The requests were made by Grover Sicotte and Sepp Hoedlmoser, who had been informed at the time they filed their requests that Chocoday may enact their own ordinance. Lyn Johnson has notified Chocoday Township on this situation.

It was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the two Chocoday Township re-zoning requests be tabled because Marquette County no longer has jurisdiction over Chocoday Township zoning since the enactment of their own zoning ordinance, and that copies of the requests be sent to Chocoday Township.

A request from John Maki, #4-RZ-SK-3, to re-zone E500' of N500' of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 8, T45N R23W, from Rural Residential 2, to Multiple Family Residential was discussed. Lyn noted the township board supported the re-zoning request because they felt there was a need for multi-family dwellings in the area. The Planning Commission concurred with the request, and are considering enlarging the multi-family area.

It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation on request #4-RZ-SK-3, that E500' of N500' of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 8, T45N R23W, approximately 5.72 acres, now RR-2, Rural Residential be re-zoned to R-3, Multiple Family Residential.

A request from Arne Heikkila, #7-RZ-EL-2, to re-zone NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 26, T48N R28W, from OS, Open Space, to RP, Resource Production, was presented. The township is in favor of the re-zoning request and the Planning Commission recommends that the Board approve the request.

It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to re-zone the above property to Resource Production.

Action on a re-zoning request by Arne Heikkila, #5-RZ-EL-1, in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 26, T48N R28W, from Open Space to Resource Production was tabled as there was an error in the legal ad published in the newspaper concerning this request.

Lyn Johnson then left the meeting.

Seafarer was discussed by the committee. Commissioner Farrell felt the Board should take some action on this matter in the future. He stated the Navy would like to talk to the Board, and an organization opposing the project should have an opportunity to express their views. He felt the Board should go on record opposing or supporting Seafarer.

Commissioner May was present to discuss the public hearing held recently in Marquette on Project Seafarer. It was noted public hearings were also held in Escanaba, Houghton and Lansing on the project.

Commissioner May noted various people and organizations who expressed their opposition to the project, such as: an Iron County Commissioner; a representative for Senator Griffin; U.P. Duck Hunters Association; a Baraga County Seafarer organization; Concerned Citizens Against Seafarer; AFL-CIO; among others. Many VFW Posts and American Legion Posts spoke in favor of the plan. It was noted the Mead Corporation has expressed concern over the project because of restrictions on land use.

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It was noted by Commissioner May, that although the installation of the project will cost less in the U.P. the cost to run the system after construction will be greater.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone, and carried unanimously to set a time and date for hearing pro and con views on Project Seafarer for Marquette County residents.

It was moved by Commissioner Steele, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to set June 21, 1977 as the date for a public hearing on Project Seafarer. Commissioner Farrell will take care of inviting the people to attend the meeting.

One half hour will be allowed for opposing and supporting views, with time set aside following their presentations for the committee to ask questions. Citizens will have an opportunity to speak for five minutes on the project. Commissioner May then left the meeting.

Commissioner Farrell noted a contract with Coleman Engineering Co. to do the Lake Michigan lake level study was at the attorney general's office for approval. The DNR has said it is not necessary to wait their approval, and suggested the county go ahead with the project.

Coleman originally provided a cost estimate of \$8,920 for basic services. Commissioner Farrell read a May 9, 1977 letter from Coleman's stating the project will take six months to complete, and providing a new rate schedule which will increase the cost of the project.

It was noted the county has \$15,000.00 to conduct the study, and should get a cost total from Coleman's based on their new rate schedule to be sure the project will not exceed the \$15,000.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Steele, and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the Board Chairman be authorized to sign the contract if the total cost does not exceed the money available.

A Public Notice regarding "fills associated with road construction on existing routes in all water bodies in the State of Michigan", received from the Army Corps of Engineers, was noted and filed.

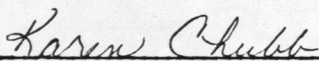
A communication from the Army Corps of Engineers on permits was noted and referred to the Planning Commission for their information.

Notice of Permits Issued for construction on waterways was presented. It was noted Alger County received a permit for construction of a boathouse on Au Train River; Marquette County for a boat ramp on Engman Lake; and Marquette County for riprap in the Chocolay River.

A letter will be sent to the Prosecuting Attorney asking for information on the legality of the County's request to have a member on the Advisory Board for the joint sewage disposal plant planned by the Townships of Chocolay and Marquette, and the City of Marquette.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary



June 23, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee meeting was duly called and held June 23, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Farrell, Leone, Krook, Steele and Potvin.

Absent: Commissioners Cheatham and Racine.

In Attendance: Lyn Johnson, County Planner; Charles Althoff, Coleman Engineering Company.

Commissioner Farrell called the meeting to order.

Lyn Johnson was present to discuss rezoning requests received and heard by the Planning Commission.

Rezoning request #5-RZ-EL-2 in Ely Township to rezone from Open Space to Resource Production, filed by Bruce Heikkila. The Planning Commission voted to recommend that the Board approve the rezoning request. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the request.

Rezoning request #9-RZ-RE-1 filed by James Mathews, to rezone a parcel of land in Republic Township from Resource Production to Seasonal Dwelling. Resource Production zoned land requires 20 acre parcels while seasonal dwelling requires 20,000 sq. ft. The Planning Commission felt this petition should be denied because of the lack of accessibility to the land, and the fact that rock outcroppings would cause problems with septic tanks and wells. The Planning Commission acted unanimously to recommend denial of the request. It was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the rezoning request.

Rezoning request #11-RZ-HU-1 to rezone a parcel of land in Humboldt Township from Resource Production to Rural Residential. Rural Residential requires a five acre parcel. The Planning Commission voted to recommend denial of the request because of the lack of accessibility to the land (county road is quarter mile from the nearest point on the property) and the Township Board was concerned about providing school buses, etc. The Planning Commission's recommendation was unanimous. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to deny the request based on the Planning Commission's recommendation. It was noted the Township Board was opposed to rezoning the land also.

Because of an oversight when the original zoning map was drawn up commercial property was eliminated from Republic Township. A commercial area was outlined in conjunction with the Township Supervisor. The Planning Commission initiated this rezoning action and recommends that the Board approve the request. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation for rezoning of the area. (#12-RZ-RE-2)

Rezoning request #13-RZ-SK-4 to rezone a parcel of land in Skandia Township from Resource Production to Commercial. This request was filed by Richard Heribacka. The Planning Commission recommends, on a 4-3 vote, to approve the request. Those in favor of the request felt there was a need for a service station, which he intends to construct, in the area. Those who voted against the rezoning felt it was the beginning of strip development in the area. It was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the rezoning request.

Rezoning request #14-RZ-WB-2 filed by Robert Hogg to rezone a parcel of land in West Branch Township from Resource Production to Rural Residential was discussed. This area is receiving development pressure and a need for residential lots, according to Lyn Johnson. Also the rezoning is a logical progression of Rural

Residential 2 in Chocolay Township. The Planning Commission acted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the rezoning request. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the request.

Rezoning request #16-RZ-TI-1 filed by Tilden Township was presented. Lyn stated any governing board can file rezoning requests. The Planning Commission divided the request into six parts and acted on each separately.

The following three parts of the request were recommended for approval, with the exception of all corporate owned land. The Tilden Township Board recommended that these areas be rezoned from Resource Production to Rural Residential 1 because of the large concentration of privately owned land.

1. S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 19; S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 20; S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 20; NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 30, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 30, S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 30; NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 30; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 30, Sec. 29; and that area of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 28, lying East of County Road 476 all within T47N-R27W.
2. S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 24; N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 25; all within T47N-R28W.
3. SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 25; and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36; all within T46N-R28W.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation. It was noted the Planning Commission's recommendation had passed by an unanimous vote.

Tilden Township Board requested that the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; all within Sec. 3, T46N-R27W be rezoned to Rural Residential 1 from Resource Production. The Planning Commission voted to deny the request and recommends that the Board do the same. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation.

The Planning Commission recommends that Tilden Township Board's request to rezone E $\frac{1}{2}$ ; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and that area of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying South of County Road 476 all within Sec. 1, T46N-R27W, except that area of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , lying North of County Road 476 from Resource Production to Rural Residential 1 be denied. It was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation.

The Tilden Township Board requested that the following property be rezoned from Resource Production and Open Space to Seasonal Dwelling: N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of E $\frac{1}{2}$  all of Sec. 18; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 7; S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 8; NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  all of Sec. 17; S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  all of Sec. 9; NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  all of Sec. 16; S $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; all of Sec. 15; SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 14; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , all of Sec. 22; W $\frac{1}{2}$ ; SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  all of Sec. 23; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  all of Sec. 26; N $\frac{1}{2}$  of N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 25; S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 24 all within T46N-R27W. The Planning Commission recommends that this request be denied. This was an unanimous decision of the Planning Commission. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Lyn Johnson then left the meeting.

Charles Althoff was present from Coleman Engineering Co. to discuss the Lake Michigamme engineering study. It was noted the firm is working directly with the Board through the Environmental Quality Committee. Mr. Althoff would like one person from the county designated as contact person for the project.

Commissioner Farrell went over the various points of the contract which stipulated what the firm was to do in connection with the study. A legal lake level should be established and the committee would want a recommendation from Coleman regarding this. Mr. Althoff felt the present control structure does not have much affect on the level of the lake. It was noted public hearings will be held for those who own land on the lake. It was mentioned that under-water obstructions should be mapped.

Mr. Althoff requested a list of property owners on Lake Michigamme which will be provided him. Mr. Althoff stated letters will be sent to property owners stating they will be making studies in the area. Coleman Engineers will also place an article in the newspaper stating studies will be done.

Commissioner Steele stated the firm may be able to obtain records of lake levels from years past from Mrs. Wm. Rendt of Michigamme whose husband kept such records for many years.

It was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that Commissioner Farrell be appointed as contact person for the county for the lake level study.

Mr. Althoff then left the meeting.

Commissioner Farrell stated the Navy could not attend the June meeting set for discussion on Project Seafarer and asked that the meeting be held in July. July 19th had been set as an alternate date by the committee. Representatives from the opposition will be asked if July 19th is convenient and if so a letter of invitation will be forwarded to the Navy. The committee will be polled for another date if this is not convenient for the group opposing Seafarer.

A Notice of Permits issued for construction on waterways was presented to the committee. It was noted a permit was issued in Houghton County to Michigan Bell Telephone Co. to lay cable in Lake Superior. The communication was placed on file.

A Notice of an Air Pollution Hearing in Marquette on July 20, 2:00 p.m. at NMU was noted. The subject is "the proposed Stipulation for Entry Consent Order and Final Order under consideration to be entered into with the Upper Peninsula Generating Company". The communication was filed.

An agenda for a meeting of the Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission held in Escanaba, MI June 27 and 28, 1977 was read by Commissioner Farrell and placed on file.

Commissioner Potvin mentioned the need for air conditioning at the Acock's Medical Facility and would like some input from Art Heibel, Administrator of Acock's, on the need for such a system. A letter had been sent out by direction of the Budget and Executive Committee on this matter and a response has not yet been received. A second letter will be sent by Commissioner Farrell requesting a response and copies will be sent to Tom Pellow, Chairman of the County Board of Institutions, and Commissioners Cheatham and Krook, members of the County Board of Institutions.



June 23, 1977

A report on the Land and Water Conservation Fund in Michigan was received. The report was on the first ten years of the fund and concerned the handling of grants, etc. The report was placed on file.

An A-95 review was received which was submitted by CUPPAD for \$53,000 for Comprehensive Planning for the Central Upper Peninsula. It was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to comment favorably on the project.

A second A-95 review was also submitted by CUPPAD in the amount of \$81,000 for the staffing and operation of the CUPPAD Regional Commission. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to comment favorably on the application.

A brief discussion was held on the sewage running into Wetstone Creek.

Commissioner Potvin brought up the subject of the water shortage in the West end of the county. The committee was not aware if the problem has been completely dealt with. Mike Zorza will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss this matter.

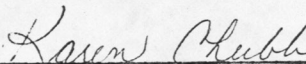
Commissioner Farrell stated a follow-up letter will be sent to the Prosecuting Attorney requesting a response to the committee's question on the legality of asking that a county commissioner be allowed to be a member on the Advisory Board for the sewage disposal plant being constructed by the City of Marquette, and Townships of Marquette and Chocolay. The county is selling the bonds for the project.

Commissioner Potvin stated some use should be made of the Brookridge property. He stated a couple of projects should be submitted by the county for Title VI projects, such as park up-keep. He stated he would like the area used for cross country skiing in the winter and a physical fitness course in the summer. This would not change the property and it would be meaningfully used. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin and supported by Commissioner Leone to request the Planning staff to supply information about possible uses for the Brookridge property for winter and summer recreation. Commissioner Potvin suggested applying for Title VI funds for the project. Following discussion the motion carried unanimously.

It was noted an inventory of old furniture in the old Courthouse is being taken by Mike Madden, Assistant Controller.

As there was no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES  
Environmental Quality Committee  
June 23, 1977

Rezoning request #10-RZ-EL-3, filed by Merrill Prin, to rezone a parcel of land in Ely Township from Resource Production to Seasonal Dwelling was discussed. The Planning Commission voted 5-2 to recommend that the Board grant the rezoning request. Some members of the Planning Commission felt that the entire area should be considered, and not single plots of land.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they concur with the Planning Commission's action.

July 28, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee meeting was duly called and held at 7:00 p.m., July 28, 1977 in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Farrell, Racine, Leone, Krook, Steele, Potvin and Cheatham.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: John Hess, Assistant County Planner; Mike Zorza, Emergency Services Director; Arnold Peterson, Lake Independence Association; and Ray French, Powell Township Supervisor.

John Hess was present to discuss rezoning requests.

17-RZ-EL-5: Request from Ely Township to rezone from Open Space to Resource Production, E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 14, and Sec. 23 and 26. This had been considered for Resource Production originally, according to Mr. Hess. The Planning Commission recommends the approval of the rezoning request. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that request 17-RZ-EL-5 be approved.

18-RZ-EL-6: Ely Township requested the rezoning of property on either side of U.S. 41 in Ely Township. The request is to rezone portions of the property from Open Space to Rural Residential 2; from Rural Residential 2 and Commercial 2 to Residential 2; from Open Space to Rural Residential 1; and from Open Space to Mineral Resource. The Planning Commission recommends the approval of the rezoning request with the exception of S $\frac{1}{2}$  of N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 4. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board approve rezoning request 18-RZ-EL-6 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

19-RZ-HU-2: Humboldt Township Board requested to rezone portions of Humboldt Township from Rural Residential 1 to Commercial 2. Mr. Hess stated this request reflects the present use of the property and the Planning Commission recommends approval of the request. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they approve rezoning request 19-RZ-HU-2.

20-RZ-SK-5: Mrs. Henrietta St. Amour requested that SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 24, T45N-R23W, Skandia Township be rezoned from Resource Production to Rural Residential 2, which requires five acre lots. The Planning Commission staff recommended denial of this request but the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the rezoning. Mrs. St. Amour wishes to sell a five acre lot to a relative. The committee expressed some concern that the rezoning would allow her to sell to anyone, including developers. Commissioner Potvin moved that request 20-RZ-SK-5 be denied, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously. Mrs. St. Amour will be advised to try and get a variance on this property.

21-RZ-EL-7: This is in the Greenwood Location of Ely Township, legal description SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 25, the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 35, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36, T48N-R28W, Ely Township. Mr. Robert Archibald has requested that this property be rezoned from Open Space to Resource Production. Mr. Hess stated the property flows along an existing Resource Production district. The Planning Commission recommends that the rezoning request be approved. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that rezoning request 21-RZ-EL-7 be approved. John Hess left the meeting.

Mike Zorza was present to discuss the water shortage situation in the county. He stated there are an estimated 280 wells that are experiencing or will experience problems. He feels the water shortage problem will begin in October this year. A long range solution to the problem is the water study



project and a short range solution is to petition the Governor to start Small Business Loans up again for the people with water problems. Mike stated he would like the Small Business Association to provide case workers to assist people in filling out loan applications at their homes.

Mike stated he has been authorized by the Board to apply for a grant which will reimburse the county for 50% of the money they spent in the water program, and 50% reimbursement for Michigamme Township for a community well they put in. The total amount of the grant amounts to \$22,800 which involves \$11,400 in federal money. The grant covers the period from February 22, 1977 to April 20, 1978. County expenditures to date are over \$6,000.

Mike Zorza will contact the Water Authority to let them know his activities concerning the water program. Commissioner Potvin felt at some point townships are going to have to take responsibility for their water problems. Mike was requested to provide a map of the wells in the townships that went dry and to inform the townships if they go dry again it will be their responsibility. He will provide a copy of the map to the Planning Commission for their information. Mike was also requested to provide information on families that water was delivered to. Mike Zorza then left the meeting.

Arnold Peterson, Lake Independence Association, and Ray French, Powell Township Supervisor, were present to discuss the dam on Lake Independence. Mr. Peterson stated there is a 2' square notch in the current concrete dam that was put in by the DNR for use as a fish ladder. He stated he would like this notch plugged up as it is affecting the lake level. He noted a legal lake level for the lake was established by the Circuit Court in 1963.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to have the Chairman of the Committee contact the DNR on this matter.

Mr. Peterson noted there is a 12" culvert near the dam and he has been attempting to find out who authorized its installation. He will provide what information he gathers to the committee. Mr. Peterson and Mr. French left the meeting.

A communication from the Greater Ishpeming Chamber of Commerce on establishing a county wide ordinance on vendors was discussed. This had been referred by the Board. It was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to file the communication.

An opinion from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office on this matter had been submitted which stated the county should not adopt a county wide ordinance regulating roadside vendors. A copy of this communication will be sent to the Planning Commission for their information. Commissioner Racine stated the prompt response from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office is greatly appreciated.

A letter from the Department of Navy was read stating they felt a July meeting on Project Seafarer was premature and requested that it be held in September or October. Commissioner Farrell stated when information from the National Academy of Sciences is available he will contact the Navy and schedule a hearing on Seafarer.

A communication from the Army Corps of Engineers in response to the committee's letter concerning construction of Units 7, 8 and 9 at the Presque Isle Generating Station was read which stated the construction was outside their jurisdiction.

A Public Notice on a construction application by U.P. Generating Co. was noted. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to send a letter to the DNR requesting that these notices be submitted a month in advance of the comment deadline to enable consideration by the county.

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A second Public Notice on a permit applied for by Quality Concrete to install a culvert on Whetstone Brook was noted. The date of reply has passed and a letter will be written to the DNR requesting earlier knowledge of the application.

A third Public Notice for a construction permit applied for by Mink, Inc. to relocate an un-named stream in Marquette Township was noted. The committee was under the impression that the flow of streams cannot be changed. A letter will be sent stating the committee doesn't understand how permits can be issued to divert streams when the DNR rules do not permit this. Commissioner Farrell will check on this rule.

Notice of Permits Issued by the DNR for construction on waterways was presented. A permit has been issued to the Marquette County Road Commission for road fill on Mud Creek; in Baraga County for work on a seawall; Houghton County for a submarine cable crossing by the Michigan Bell Telephone Co.; and in Houghton County for fuel storage and dikes. The communication was placed on file.

A communication from Ishpeming Township requesting that the county raise dog license fees was read. It was noted they have their own Animal Control Ordinance. This matter will be checked by Commissioner Farrell to see if they can set their own fees.

A-95 reviews were discussed by the committee. An A-95 review on an application for \$153,500 in EDA money by MAISD for special education classrooms was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to comment favorably on the application.

A review on an application for \$112,000 in federal assistance from HEW by NMU to expand its Audiology Clinical Program was presented. The review was filed.

A third review for EDA fund amounting to \$170,000 to construct township offices in Chocolay Township was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to comment favorably.

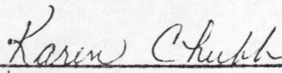
A notice of a public hearing on August 11, 1977 in Lansing, MI to discuss adjustments for fuel bills by Wisconsin-Michigan Power Co. was noted and filed.

A letter from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office was read stating the county can have a voting member on the Advisory Board for the sewage disposal plant constructed by the Townships of Chocolay and Marquette and the City of Marquette. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they bargain for a voting member on the Advisory Board set up by those three units of government in connection with the joint sewage disposal plan. A copy of the communication will be sent to Board members for their information.

Commissioner Potvin stated people owning camps on Mitchell Lake in Forsyth Township are concerned that animal waste from Red Horse Ranch is running into the lake and would like to know if anything can be done about this. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, and supported by Commissioner Cheatham that a letter be sent to the Health Department on this situation requesting action be taken and that the DNR be contacted on the problem if they can be involved. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Farrell.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

August 25, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee meeting was duly called and held on August 25, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Farrell, Potvin, Leone, Steele, Krook and Cheatham.

Absent: Commissioner Racine.

In Attendance: Lyn Johnson, County Planner; Richard Munro.

Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order. Lyn Johnson was present to review rezoning requests with the committee.

#22-RZ-SK-6 was filed by Mr. Richard Munro to rezone a parcel of land in Skandia Township from Open Space to Resource Production. The Planning Commission recommended that the request be approved on a vote of 4-3. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Mr. Munro left the meeting.

#23-RZ-MI-1 was filed by Arthur Hamel requesting that a parcel of land in Michigamme Township be rezoned from Commercial 2 to Rural Residential 1. The Planning Commission recommended that the rezoning request be denied because of the extremely high water table in the area and it would cause spot zoning. The Township Supervisor recommended verbally not to approve the request according to Commissioner Farrell. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the request.

#24-RZ-EL-8 was a request filed by Harold and Cecilia Peppin; Robert and Patricia Robinson; William and Mary Treloar; Ann Gordon; and Clifford and Elizabeth Bennetts to rezone parcels of land in Ely Township from Resource Production to Residential 2. Current development in the area is a mixture of three permanent and three seasonal residences according to Lyn. The Planning Commission recommended against the rezoning request because of strip development along U.S. 41, and the rezoning would not be consistent with adjoining land uses. The vote was 4-1 with one abstention. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

A copy of the Circuit Court Order of 1962 setting a legal lake level of 625.5' above sea level for Lake Independence was noted. The DNR put a fish ladder in the dam previous to the establishment of the lake level which the Lake Independence Association contends caused the lake to drop below the legal level in 1976. Commissioner Farrell stated lake property owners are responsible for maintaining the lake level. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to take no action on this matter and direct the committee Chairman to write a letter to the Lake Independence Association explaining the committee's views on this matter and recommending that they work with the DNR to fill in the notch in the dam.

Lyn Johnson is looking into the matter of who is responsible for placing a culvert which is diverting water from Lake Independence. Lyn Johnson left the meeting.

A resolution and information on the Marquette Waste Water Treatment Plant was noted. The resolution was to establish a sewage disposal system. Commissioner Farrell stated he would like a letter of intent stating the County Board will have a member on the project's Advisory Board.



It was moved by Commissioner Leone and supported by Commissioner Steele to recommend that the Board approve the resolution. The motion was withdrawn with approval of the first and second. It was then moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend approval of the resolution contingent upon the receipt of a letter of intent from the City of Marquette stating the Board will have a member on the Advisory Board.

A letter from Dr. Richard Potter in response to the committee's communication concerning pollution of Mitchell Lake, and a copy of a letter from Richard Potter to the DNR on this matter were read. Dr. Potter stated the possible pollution problem will be brought to the attention of the DNR as it is a water pollution problem and not a health hazard. A letter will be sent to Dr. Potter asking why he does not consider it a health problem and if testing of the lake was taken to see if there is a high bacterial count.

A communication from the Road Commission on drainage problems on U.S. 41 W in response to a letter sent by the Board was read. Mr. Beerling stated the matter should be referred to the Drain Commissioner as the problem is outside the jurisdiction of the Road Commission. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to refer the letter to the Board and recommend that the Board inform the Supervisor of Marquette Township and the Drain Commissioner of the problem. Commissioner Potvin was absent from the vote.

A notice from CUPPAD on a meeting to discuss solid waste management was noted. The meeting will be held August 29, 1977 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to approve Commissioner Steele's attendance at the meeting.

A Congressional Record on Seafarer was noted and placed on file. Following discussion on Seafarer, it was moved by Commissioner Potvin and supported by Commissioner Leone that the committee go on record opposing Project Seafarer in the Upper Peninsula, specifically in Marquette County, and recommend that the Board pass a resolution opposing the project. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously that the committee recommend to the Board that they send a letter supporting the activities of Representative Jacobetti and Attorney General Kelly in their efforts to pass legislation to stop the building of Project Seafarer in the Upper Peninsula and specifically in Marquette County.

A letter from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office on the Twin Lakes lake level determination was read stating the property owners of the lake are no longer interested in setting a legal lake level because of the cost involved and asking the committee's wishes on this matter. The Board would need to rescind action of November 19, 1976 to petition the Circuit Court to determine the lake level. Action will be delayed so that the Chairman of the committee can check on the matter further.

Notice of permits issued by the DNR for construction on waterways was noted. Permits for work in Houghton, Ontonagon and Gogebic counties were approved as well as one for Marquette County for fill in Lead River by the DNR.

Commissioner Farrell stated he received a call from the DNR regarding the committee's request that applications for construction permits be submitted to the committee 30 days in advance of the reply deadline. The law is written that comments must be received by 20 days after the application information is sent. If the reply is received after 20 days the DNR will not disregard it, however.

Commissioner Farrell also checked with the DNR on laws pertaining to diverting water from streams. The DNR spokesman stated when such diversions enables development of land and does not damage streams in question the applications to do so are approved.

Several A-95 reviews were discussed. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to comment favorably on the application by Marquette County for an emergency water distribution project in the amount of \$11,400. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to comment favorably on an application by the Six County Consortium for \$1,225,000 for Employment and Training. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to comment favorably on an application by the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation (MDSHT) for \$1,800 for a 1978 traffic pattern study. A second application by MDSHT for \$8,000 for 1978 to study traffic counts in the Upper Peninsula was noted. It was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to comment favorably. A third application from MDSHT was supported on a motion by Commissioner Leone, which died for lack of support. The review was for \$14,000 to undertake Region 12 planning studies for 1978 and was placed on file.

A CUPPAD Regional Commission application for \$4,000 in EDA funds to support the A-95 project was concurred with on a motion by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously. A Marquette County Water and Sewer Authority application for EDA funds amounting to \$201,000 to undertake emergency drought relief was supported on a motion by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously. An application by the DNR to undertake a Coastal Zone Management Program in the amount of \$750,000 was supported on a motion by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously. A final A-95 review concerning an application by Forsyth Township for EDA funds for water system improvements in the amount of \$50,000 was supported on a motion by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Chubb  
Secretary

September 22, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee meeting was duly called and held September 22, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Farrell, Cheatham, Leone, Steele, Racine, and Krook. Commissioner Potvin arrived late.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Lyn Johnson, County Planner.

Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order. Lyn Johnson was present to discuss rezoning requests. Lyn informed the committee that Mrs. St. Amour of Skandia Township is planning to request a variance for a parcel of land she owns in Skandia Township. The committee had turned down her rezoning request.

Rezoning request 30-RZ-EL-9: Filed by Fred Gray, Paul Moffitt and Eugene Maki to rezone a parcel of land in Ely Township from Open Space to Rural Residential. The Planning Commission staff recommended that the request be denied and the Planning Commission voted 6 - 1 against the request. There is a high ground water table in the area and the land is not suitable for intensive development. Commissioner Farrell stated a rezoning request to have this property rezoned to Resource Production has been received. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the request.

Rezoning request 31-RZ-EL-1: Filed by Kramer Machinery, Inc. to rezone from Rural Resource 2 to Commercial 3 in Ely Township. The Planning Commission staff recommended that the request be granted and the Planning Commission, at their September 13, 1977 meeting, recommended in favor of the rezoning request. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the request.

Rezoning request 32-RZ-RE-3: Filed by Republic Township through the Marquette Planning Commission. The original county zoning ordinance zoned this area, near Maple Street in Republic Township, for R 2, but it was later zoned R 1. The request is to rezone it to R 2; this will allow placement of mobile homes. The Planning Commission staff and the Planning Commission recommend that the rezoning request be granted; it is also recommended by the Republic Township Supervisor.

Rezoning request 33-RZ-RE-4: Filed by Republic Township for the purpose of rezoning lots near Cedar Street, Republic Township, from R 1 to R2. The Planning Commission had originally zoned this area R 2. The Planning Commission staff and the Planning Commission recommend that the rezoning request be approved. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Racine to recommend to the Board that rezoning requests 33-RZ-RE-4 and 32-RZ-RE-3 be granted. The motion carried unanimously.

Rezoning requests 34-RZ-EW-1; 35-RZ-EW-2; and 36-RZ-EW-3 were filed by Ewing Township. Request 36-RZ-EW-3 involves rezoning from Open Space to Resource Production; this allows homesteads on 20 acres or more. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning request.

Rezoning request 35-RZ-EW-2 was discussed. This is a request to rezone a parcel of land in Ewing from Open Space to Agricultural Production, which would allow maximum utilization of agricultural land and timber production. Both the Planning Commission and Ewing Township had requested that this be Agricultural Production originally. The Planning Commission staff and Planning Commission recommend the approval of the rezoning request. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to concur with their recommendation to rezone to Agricultural Production.



Rezoning request 34-RZ-EW-1: The request was to rezone parcels of land in Ewing Township from RR 2 to RR 1. This area is low land, has a high water table, and poor accessibility to electrical services. According to Lyn, development should be discouraged. The Planning Commission staff and Planning Commission on unanimous votes recommend that the request be denied. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the rezoning request be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. Lyn left the meeting.

A letter was read from Lyn Johnson stating the Planning Commission recommends that the enforcement of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act be transferred from the Health Department to the Building Code Department. Commissioner Farrell felt this is part of the Building Code Department's responsibilities.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Budget and Executive Committee that they consider this change in their budgetary process and that they recommend the change to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Communications from the Health Department concerning pollution of Mitchell Lake in Forsyth Township, in response to a letter from the committee, were read. The letters stated the DNR is looking into this problem and water samples indicate an acceptable water quality. Dr. Potter stated a letter will be sent to the committee from the DNR on this matter.

A letter of thanks will be sent to Dr. Potter for his assistance on this matter with a request that some follow up work be done at Mitchell Lake in the Spring during a dry period.

A communication from the Drain Commissioner, Harold Connors, stated he had informed the Treasurer that the people at Twin Lakes, Republic Township, no longer want a special assessment district to set a legal lake level. This letter was in response to one sent by the committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they rescind the November 19, 1976 recommendation to petition the Circuit Court to set up a legal lake level for this lake based on information from the Drain Commissioner. Commissioner Racine felt a letter should be sent to the people who had requested the legal lake level notifying them of the committee's actions and enclosing a copy of the recommendation to be presented to the Board. This will be done.

A notice from the U.P. Resource Conservation and Development Area Committee on their annual meeting was read. Commissioner Steele was authorized to attend in place of Commissioner Farrell who is the county's representative on the committee. The meeting is to be held September 24, 1977 in Marquette.

A notice of a Coastal Zone Management Program was received from CUPPAD stating their staff is willing to meet with the county to explain the State's program and how it will operate. It was moved by Commissioner Racine and supported by Commissioner Krook to invite them to attend the November 3, 1977 Planning Commission meeting and the October 27, 1977 Environmental Quality Committee meeting, and to send a letter to the Harbor Commission that presentations will be held on those dates and invite them to attend either one of them. The motion carried unanimously.

A communication from Steve Monsma, State Representative, updating the progress of land use legislation was read. The old land use bill was supported by the past Environmental Quality Committee according to Commissioner Farrell.

It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to send for literature explaining the bill, and the bill itself. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farrell referred to a letter from Ishpeming Township on raising dog license fees beginning January 1, 1978. He stated he has been investigating this and is still looking into the matter. He noted such an increase would have to be county-wide. A letter will be sent to Ishpeming Township stating it is in committee and as soon as information is available they will be informed.

A letter from Senator Griffin concerning the Board's letter on Seafarer was noted and referred to the Board.

A Notice of Permits Issued by the Corps of Engineers for construction on waterways was reviewed. Houghton County received three permits: two for boat ramps and one for storm sewer outfalls. Marquette County received a permit for a piling structure constructed by the Upper Peninsula Generating Co. Ontonagon County received a permit for a boat ramp.

A-95 reviews were presented. The City of Marquette has applied for federal assistance in the amount of \$60,000 to construct 1.4 miles of bike path. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried to comment favorably on the application. Nays: Commissioners Racine and Leone.

The Office of Criminal Justice Programs applied for funding in the amount of \$43,000 for criminal justice planning. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to comment favorably at the time the committee chairman receives information that the local money does not come from Marquette County. Comments received for the Marquette County Emergency Water Distribution Project were presented.

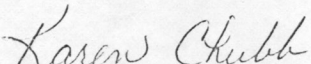
An A-95 review on MAISD's intent to apply for HEW assistance to undertake a School and Community Agency Network Demonstrating Microwave Distribution of Slo Scan Video to CATV units in REMC 21 was noted. The review was filed and a letter will be sent to CUPPAD stating the committee would have appreciated MAISD explaining the program to the Board as it concerns Marquette County.

An A-95 review from the State of Michigan to undertake a Coastal Energy Impact Program was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Krook to file the application. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steele gave a report to the committee on a land fill meeting he attended in Escanaba on August 29, 1977. Commissioner Potvin noted he is the county's representative on the Solid Waste Committee and that the committee is at a standstill. They are waiting on Escanaba's decision concerning solid waste disposal. Without Escanaba a resource recovery unit will not be feasible. Commissioner Potvin stated a meeting is set for January 20, 1978 to make the final decision.

Commissioner Potvin asked that Coleman Engineers be contacted on the progress of the Lake Michigan engineering study. He also felt the county should look into establishing a public access site at the mouth of the Little Garlic River. A letter will be sent to the Planner's Office asking that they contact the DNR on this and get background information to report to the committee. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

October 27, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee meeting was duly called and held October 27, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Racine, Leone, Steele, Farrell, Cheatham, Potvin, and Krook.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Pete Cambier, CUPPAD; David Bonczak, CUPPAD; James Weingardner, Harbor Commission.

Pete Cambier was present to answer questions the committee had on A-95 review procedures. Commissioner Farrell stated he would like a longer period of time to respond to the reviews. Mr. Cambier stated procedures on A-95 reviews are established by the Office of Management and Budget. A notice of intent (A-95) is sent to all agencies which may have interest in a project and they have 30 days in which to reply. These responses are forwarded to the applicant. Mr. Cambier stated grants should not be awarded prior to the response deadline. OMB should be informed when the proper procedures are not followed. Mr. Cambier stated when the Regional Clearinghouse makes unfavorable comments on a project which is then awarded funds, OMB is supposed to state the reasons for awarding the grant.

Mr. Cambier stated the County's Congressmen should be contacted if a Federal agency does not follow A-95 requirements as he believes Federal agencies would be more likely to listen to Congressmen than CUPPAD in this matter.

Mr. Cambier noted the regional commission reviews all comments submitted on project grant applications and sends their recommendation to the appropriate Federal agency. Comments that are in opposition to the views of the commission are also forwarded. He stated the intent of the form is to provide basic information. Mr. Cambier will provide copies of the A-95 Review and Comment Procedure pamphlet to the committee members. Mr. Cambier left the meeting.

Mr. Bonczak from CUPPAD was present to discuss the Coastal Zone Management Program with the committee. Mr. Weingardner was present on behalf of the Harbor Commission.

According to Mr. Bonczak the original Shoreline Act passed in 1970 because of increasing environmental problems

Mr. Bonczak stated there are three aspects to the Coastal Program: a) The boundary covered by the study (1,000 ft. shoreward from normal high water level); b) Regulation of significant uses; c) Areas of particular concern, such as mineral, urban areas, etc., which are nominated by the public and by the commission. Thirty-two areas have been designated as ones of particular concern in Marquette County; twenty-seven by the commission and five by the public.

The State will administer the program. Mr. Bonczak stated types of projects eligible are: updating comprehensive plans; site plans; recreation plans; preliminary agricultural studies.

The Federal government's role is to comment and review the State plan, provide funding and keep Federal projects consistent with State and local projects. Permit issuance will be at the local level.

The role played by CUPPAD will be one of advisement to local units in putting projects together; working on applications; and as a go between between the State and Federal governments, if requested to do so.

CUPPAD has completed the coastal management boundary at this time and the DNR will soon check it out. A call for preliminary projects will be made in December, 1977 and funding should be available in May, 1978.



Commissioner Farrell felt the county's prioritizing of projects should be done by the Planning Commission as they have more knowledge in this area. Mr. Weingardner questioned criteria used to determine high water level. Mr. Bonczak left the meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine and supported by Commissioner Steele that CUPPAD be informed decisions on prioritizing projects for the Coastal Zone Management Program will be done by the Planning Commission, who in turn will make recommendations to the Environmental Quality Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

A communication from Coleman Engineering Co. on the progress of the Lake Michigamme engineering study was read. Mr. Althoff, Manager, asked if the firm be permitted to contact Lake Michigamme Land Owners Association and CCI regarding the study as they have expressed interest in it. The committee felt copies of such communications should be forwarded to them, and Mr. Althoff should be invited to meet with the committee on the study.

The next committee meeting will be held November 10, 1977 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lake Michigamme area to discuss the study with Mr. Althoff. The December 1, 1977 meeting will be canceled.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Krook and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that Coleman Engineering Co. be permitted to correspond with the lake association and CCI and that copies of all such communications be sent to the Environmental Quality Committee.

Notices of Permits issued by the Corps of Engineers for construction on waterways were presented. Permits have been issued to Houghton, Keewenaw and Ontonagon counties, and to the Marquette County Road Commission for fill in Cherry Creek.

A communication from the Department of Commerce regarding a Local Government Liaison Office within the Michigan Energy Administration was read. A letter will be sent to the department informing them the county is carrying out the mandate of the State in enforcing the Energy Code through the Building Code Department.

Follow-up letters were received from Dr. Potter on the possible pollution of Mitchell Lake. A letter from the DNR stated there is no observable pollution. Dr. Potter stated a follow-up study will be conducted in the Spring.

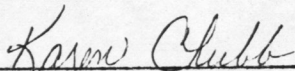
Commissioner Farrell felt House Bill 4189 regarding land use should be given to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to forward H.B. 4189 to the Planning Commission for comment and recommendation to the Environmental Quality Committee.

A-95 reviews were presented. Four were past the comment deadline and were filed. A notice of intent by the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation and the City of Ishpeming for \$80,000 in Federal funds to undertake work on 1.3 miles of Washington Street in Ishpeming was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to comment favorably on the project.

Commissioner Potvin asked if any action has been taken on building a public access site on the Little Garlic River. There has been no response to the committee's communication and a follow-up letter will be sent. Also, Mr. Keith Wilson of the Michigan Waterways Commission will be contacted for information in this matter.

Commissioner Farrell stated he will provide the State statute covering licensing and control of dogs to committee members and this matter will be discussed at the next meeting. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

November 10, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee meeting was duly called and held November 10, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Leone, Racine, Steele, Farrell, Krook and Cheatham.

Absent: Commissioner Potvin.

In Attendance: Charles Ahltoff, Coleman Engineering Company; Les Ross and James Kipola, Planning Commission; and Gary Haglund.

Charles Ahltoff presented slides of the Lake Michigamme dam showing its condition and the high and low water levels. Commissioner Farrell mentioned that the Board passed a resolution permitting Coleman Engineering Company to contact the Lake Michigamme Land Owners Association and CCI and that copies of such letters be forwarded to the committee.

Mr. Ahltoff stated the lake fluctuates from 4' to 6' every year. Commissioner Farrell suggested that Mr. Ahltoff contact lake property owners regarding at what level they wish to maintain the lake. Mr. Ahltoff will attempt to complete the study by December 1, 1977 and will submit a report to the committee on the findings and meet with the committee to discuss them. The DNR will be invited to review the preliminary report, also.

Following completion of the report a public meeting will be held to present the study's findings. Mr. Ahltoff stated they could attempt to minimize the difference between the high and low water levels. Mr. Ahltoff left the meeting.

A-95 reviews were discussed. The Six-County Consortium for Employment and Training has applied for assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor to undertake an employment and training project to train economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14-19 years. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Steele and carried unanimously to comment favorably on the review stating that the committee feels there is a great need for training of unemployed youth in the age category indicated and the committee hopes this is a start of a long range program.

A second A-95 review concerning the City of Marquette's application for funds to acquire a replacement van for special service for senior citizens, and to construct an office/storage/maintenance facility was discussed. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to comment favorably and state that anything which continues the growth of the transportation system will be good for the county as a whole.

Ely Township's application for funds to undertake a water system improvement project was discussed. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to comment favorably on the project stating the county's comprehensive plan, endorsed by the County Board, is greatly concerned with improving water systems in this area, therefore the committee highly supports the project.

Les Ross presented various rezoning requests to the committee. Gary Haglund was present to discuss his request #37-RZ-SK-7 to rezone a parcel of land in Skandia Township from Resource Production to Residential 3. Mr. Haglund felt the area should be rezoned for multiple family residences to fill a need for housing in the area. The Planning Commission denied the request on a 4-1 vote. Mr. Ross stated the Planning Commission staff felt R-3 zoning would conflict with the county comprehensive plan. Single family residences and mobile homes are in the area as well as two duplexes. The Planning Commission staff denied the request also because of land use patterns and traffic problems. Slides on the property were shown. Mr. Haglund stated township residents do not object to the building of two duplexes he wishes to construct. He also stated a great deal of construction has taken place in the area and although there are wet areas on his property the buildings can be practically placed on the land.

Mr. Ross felt approving this rezoning request will set a precedent and there were various reasons for denying the request under the comprehensive plan. It was moved by Commissioner Racine and supported by Commissioner Cheatham to recommend to the Board that they concur with the recommendation from the Planning Commission to deny the request. Mr. Haglund can present his case before the Board when the recommendation is being considered. Commissioner Leone expressed concern over the close vote by the Planning Commission in denying the request. Following discussion, the motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Cheatham, Farrell, Racine and Steele. Nays: Commissioners Leone and Krook. Mr. Haglund left the meeting.

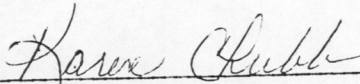
Rezoning request #38-RZ-SK-8 filed by Rodney Dionne to rezone .9 acres of land in Skandia Township from RR 2 to Residential 3 was discussed. The Planning Commission voted 5-2 against the request. There are mainly single family dwellings in the area, it was noted. The Planning Commission staff recommended that the request be refused because it will add another land use type to an already mixed area and would conflict with the county comprehensive plan. Slides of the area were shown. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Rezoning request #30-RZ-EL-9 filed by Ely Township to rezone a parcel of land from Open Space to Resource Production was presented. This request was turned down when they had requested to rezone the parcel to RR 1. The Planning Commission staff and Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the present rezoning request. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation. Mr. Ross and Mr. Kipola left the meeting.

The report by Mr. Connors, Drain Commissioner, on the drainage problem on U.S. 41, which was referred to the committee from the Board, was discussed. A report will be submitted to the Board stating the committee feels the problem has been discussed in detail with the Drain Commissioner, Road Commission and State Department of Highways and if a solution is to be forthcoming it should be made by Marquette Township or the individual property owners involved.

As there was no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary



December 22, 1977

The Environmental Quality Committee meeting was duly called and held December 22, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Leone, Steele, Cheatham, Racine and Potvin.

Absent: Commissioners Farrell and Krook.

In Attendance: Ron Koshorek, Associate Planner; and Dorothy Gies, Ronald G. Hill and Loren T. Gies regarding a rezoning request.

The meeting was called to order. Ron Koshorek, Associate Planner, was present to discuss rezoning request #41-RZ-RE-5. The request is to rezone a parcel of land in Republic Township from Resource Production to Commercial 3. The Planning Commission voted to deny the request on a 4 - 3 vote because they believed development should be discouraged on main highways; that the rezoning would cause spot zoning; and because of the high water table in the area.

Mr. Koshorek presented slides of the area for the committee's information. Mrs. Gies, representing an individual interested in purchasing the concerned property, stated there is no commercial zoning in this area of Republic Township. Mrs. Gies provided a document signed by individuals who own nearby commercial businesses, and by the township supervisor, supporting the development.

Commissioner Racine stated it is a swampy area which is why he voted to deny the request at the Planning Commission meeting. Mrs. Gies stated the prospective buyer intends to fill in the area. Commissioner Potvin felt the Township Board should have input into whether they are for or against additional commercial development in the area.

It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham and supported by Commissioner Racine to recommend to the Board that they concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the request. Mr. and Mrs. Geis, and Mr. Hill were informed they may attend the January 4, 1978 Board meeting to discuss the request. Commissioner Cheatham stated she would like the Planning Commission to get together with the Township Board regarding the feasibility of rezoning this area. Following discussion the motion carried unanimously. Mr. and Mrs. Gies left the meeting.

Mr. Koshorek stated he contacted the DNR on a possible access site at the Little Garlic River and is waiting for information from Lansing on the proper procedures to follow. Mr. Koshorek stated the DNR is of the opinion that a boat launching facility could not be constructed in the area. No action was taken pending receipt of the information from the DNR. Mr. Hill left the meeting.

A public notice from the DNR was reviewed on an application by Mr. Donald Constance for a permit to remove sand, from where it was placed without a permit, and place the sand on Saux Head Lake for beach development. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to file the notice.

A public notice for a permit applied for by Marquette Township to construct a municipal water main extension on Whetstone Creek was reviewed by the committee. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to file the notice.

A list of permits issued on waterways was reviewed and filed by the committee. There were no permits issued in Marquette County or surrounding counties.

A-95 reviews were considered. An A-95 review for a grant application by Rock Senior Citizens Corporation for assistance to undertake the renovation of a senior citizens center was noted and filed. A review of intent by the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board to undertake Community Action Agency Administration and Community Organization was noted and filed. A second review concerning a grant application by the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board for senior citizen services was noted and filed.

A review for the United States Postal Service's application for federal assistance to establish a post office in Palmer, MI was filed. Also filed was a review for a grant applied for by the Upper Peninsula Health Systems Agency for Health Systems Agency, Permanent Designation.

It was noted a report from Coleman Engineering Co. on the Lake Michigan engineering study was received. It was moved by Commissioner Steele, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to table discussion of the Lake Michigan engineering study report until the next meeting.

In regard to rezoning requests, Commissioner Leone felt the opinions of township officials should be ascertained before the requests are discussed by the committee.

Commissioner Steele stated he would like the storm sewer conditions in the Marquette Mall area rectified so that water goes into the storm sewers and not into Whetstone Creek. It was moved by Commissioner Steele, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to write to the DNR asking that the problem be corrected, with a copy of the letter forwarded to the Marquette County Health Department. Commissioner Steele was designated contact person for the committee in this matter.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. as there was no further business to come before the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb  
Secretary