

**Town of Maiden Rock Operations Ordinance Study Committee
Minutes for November 11, 2024**

The Town of Maiden Rock Operations Ordinance Study Committee met on Monday, November 11, 2024 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Maryanne Wise at 6:30 p.m.

Attending the meeting were Committee Members Bruce Thomes, John Danneker, Kathy Arndt, Terry Timm and Judy Krohn. Committee Member Cindy Nelson joined via telephone, as did Lisa Doerr (<protectyourtown.org>), Danny Akenson (GROWW) and Town Supervisor Allen White. Notice of this meeting was posted in 3 locations by Bruce Thomes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the minutes of the group's previous meeting on October 7 were unanimously accepted, following a motion by Bruce, seconded by Terry to approve those minutes.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the agenda and plans for the upcoming Public Hearing on the Draft Operations Ordinance, which will take place at the Lund Fire Hall on Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. Public notice of this meeting has been posted and published in the Pierce County Journal.

*Town Chair Jerry Duden will run the meeting, welcoming the attendees and stating the ground rules for public comment (Town residents may speak first, 3-minute time limit per speaker). There will be poster-sized fact sheets defining a CAFO facility and Animal Unit limits on display, as well as the maps which indicate and inform the substance of the proposed Operations Ordinance. Those maps highlight the Town's **Land Cover, Groundwater Susceptibility, Depth to Groundwater, Fragile Soil Index, Suitability for Manure & Food Processing Waste Applied to Town Lands, and Property Tax Values**, and are attached as appendices to the Draft Ordinance.*

Study Committee Chairperson Mary Anne Wise will introduce the committee members as well as individuals who advised the committee throughout their meetings and planning process: Lisa Doerr <protectyourtown.org>, Teresa Davis (Pierce County Groundwater Task Force) and Adam Freihoefe (WDNR). She will outline the work of the study committee through 8 meetings and a site visit to an existing CAFO in Pierce County. All committee meetings were posted and open to the public. A wide variety of impacts from industrial farming operations were studied in these meetings, and possible remedies/preventative actions were discussed. On October 7, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend their Draft Ordinance to the Town Board.

Members of the Committee & their advisors will each give a short presentation on the "Findings of Fact" or rationale behind their recommendation to the Town Board to adopt the Ordinance. Additional evidence regarding negative or harmful impacts of a CAFO on Town life and property owners will be presented by knowledgeable residents and neighbors.

Attendees will be then given the opportunity to give comments of support or concern to the Town Board and questions of a general nature will be entertained and answered as much as possible.

A couple of committee members asked for clarification on points of their particular presentations: Cindy had a couple of questions about health effects of polluted surface & groundwater, and Terry about fire/emergency response and training.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the fire hall entrance, asking for names and addresses of attendees. John will check with Attorney Loberg about any rules concerning recording of the public hearing. He will also check to see if Town Clerk Carla Shuster is able to attend and take notes. The Town Board is expected to make its decision regarding adoption of the ordinance at its meeting on December 9, 2024

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry, seconded by Bruce. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Krohn