

**MAIDEN ROCK TOWNSHIP CAFO STUDY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes April 24, 2024**

Members of the Maiden Rock Township's volunteer "CAFO Study Committee" held its organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the Maiden Rock Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting and agenda were properly posted at the Town Hall, Lund Fire Department and Hiawatha Bank in Maiden Rock.

Members in attendance were: John Danneker, representing the Town Board; Mary Anne Wise, Bruce Thomes, Terry Timm, Cindy Nelson, and Judy Krohn. Also in attendance was Town resident Rob Meyer. Absent from the meeting was Kathy Arndt.

Following a Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance, members introduced themselves to one another, sharing their history in the Town along with their concerns and perspectives regarding the scope of the committee's work ahead. Some comments and information (including photos) were shared concerning the recent manure spreading just north of the Town Hall on 210th, on April 13-14.

The following Officers were then unanimously elected: Mary Anne Wise, Chair; Bruce Thomes, Vice-Chair; Judy Krohn, Scribe.

The next order of business was to establish a schedule of regular meetings for 2024: they are May 13, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 4, October 7, November 4, December 2. The dates were chosen so that a representative from the Committee could make a report to the Town Board at its regular meetings (generally held on the 2nd Monday of each month). As it is possible that the Committee's work will continue into 2025, future regular meetings will be determined closer to that date. Bruce will see to it that our meetings are properly noticed and posted each month.

The hope and intent of the Committee will be to complete its study and analysis, formulate and recommend an Operating Ordinance for consideration to the Town Board within 1 year.

The Committee next discussed ground rules for meetings: decorum, process for decision making, policy on taking public comments at meetings, and adherence to WI Open Meeting Law.

1. On a motion by Bruce, seconded by Cindy, the members unanimously agreed that any official actions/votes at our meetings would be determined by a MAJORITY of a QUORUM of members at that meeting.

2. On a motion by Mary Anne, seconded by Bruce, Committee members unanimously agreed that, while members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings, no public comment will be taken during these work sessions. Questions or comments from the public WILL be taken under advisement or answered when possible during the Committee Reports given at the Regular Meetings of the Town Board.

3. Communication between and among members is most conveniently done via email; no decisions will be made except during posted meeting times. Judy will email minutes of the previous meeting to all members prior to each monthly meeting for review.

Next order of business was to review a proposed Timeline and Scope of Study for the Committee's meetings. We discussed potential future agenda items of study and/or potential

guest speakers (the Town Assessor, someone from the local fire department, Lisa Doerr, a CAFO owner/operator—or committee in-person visit).

We will review the Town Partnership Model Operating Ordinance from Eureka Township at our next meeting. We will gather scientific data and mapping through the organization SRAP (Socially Responsible Agriculture Project). This data will include soil types & properties in the Township, groundwater susceptibility, shoreline & waterways, & property values. Funding to undertake these studies for our work has been secured. Motion by John, seconded by Cindy, to proceed with contracting with SRAP to gather and report this data for our study.

We will review the Pierce County Manure Storage & Handling ordinance. Judy and Terry will attend a ZOOM meeting on May 13 aimed at helping us “Review & Understand a CAFO Nutrient Management Plan (NMP).

John reminded us of the Town’s interest & encouragement of residents to have private wells tested for nitrates and other contaminants at UW Stevens Point. Sample bottles/instructions will be available at the Town Hall on the morning of May 11 (Dumpster Day) and John will arrange to collect those samples and personally deliver them to UW Stevens Point. Results of those tests are automatically communicated to Pierce County; we would like to prepare a Township map of those results to use as a baseline for future study.

Judy suggested a review of our Town Comprehensive Plan to see if there are any applicable opportunities or need for relevant updates, depending on the work of the committee.

After a few final questions or suggested topics for further discussion, a motion to adjourn was offered by Terry, seconded by Bruce; all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Krohn, Scribe