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**Town of Prairie du Sac
Planning Commission
Draft Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Meeting**

This meeting was held via teleconference. All in attendance were via dial in.

Commission Chair Dennis Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission members present: Dennis Porter, Cheryl Schneller, Galen Alwin, Dave Lungren, and Janine Godfriaux-Leystra. Also present, Robin Logar from Yahara Materials.

It was determined that the meeting had been properly posted.

Cheryl moved to **adopt the agenda**. Dave seconded the motion. Roll call was taken for approval/disapproval - motion passed unanimously.

The **minutes** of the May 21, 2020, Planning Commission meeting were reviewed. Galen made the motion to approve the minutes. Cheryl seconded the motion. Roll call was taken for approval/disapproval. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – none

Communications – none

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS –

a. **Review, discuss and act as necessary on Greg Elsing’s request to sell sand for non-agriculture purposes**

Discussion items: Currently, per the Sauk Prairie Comprehensive only 1 nonmetallic mining operation is permitted in the Town. An exception is made for sand pits which serve agriculture uses. This, and any sand pit, may only be used in agriculture applications. Historically the intent of one non-metallic mining operation is to limit disruption of agriculture lands and farming operations; limit the noise, dust, road maintenance associated with such operations; and limit rezones. Recently, sand became a popular bedding material for farm animals. In support of agriculture operations the Town opted to support sand pits for farm animal bedding material. Questions included: would allowing a sand pit to operate for commercial use fit in with preserving agriculture land and operations as outlined in the comprehensive plan? What precedent is being set? What non-metallic mining operation can be done without rezoning from Exclusive Agriculture to Agriculture? What best practices are followed when determining location of sand removal?

Moving forward: Robin will provide some sample road agreements, permits from county, etc. We will look at the best ways to preserve principals as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and look at the County ordinances for information regarding non-metallic mining operations.

Other matters – none

Public comment – Virtual/teleconference meetings have been working surprisingly well.

A tentative meeting was set. December 10 at 7 p.m.

Dave **moved to Adjourn**, Galen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.