



**ACME TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 05, 2006 3:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 3:07 p.m.

Members present: B. Garvey (Chair), B. Carstens, K. Engle, W. Kladder, R. Saylor, N. Veliquette
Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary
Also present: B. Bourdages, Farmland Preservation

- A. **Limited Public Comment** – None
 - B. **Approval of 03/06/06 meeting**
Motion by Carstens, Seconded by Veliquette to approve the 3/6/06 meeting minutes with one correction. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. **Update on status of GT Farmland Board and Application and scoring system**
Bourdages commented that the gears are in motion and we are moving along. GT County adopted the scoring system on March 15th. Megan Olds of the Northwest Council of Government expressed an interest in having a role in this process.
1. **Identification of Township Specific Needs for Application Round – Next Steps for the Committee, staff and timeline.**

Bourdages wants to ensure the establishment of funds available for PDR by the Township Board. He will be sitting down with Corpe in the next few weeks to begin this process.

Bourdages wants to develop outreach strategy for township landowners. Kladder commented that larger landowners go first but would like to encourage the smaller farms to participate; “All things being equal”.

Veliquette commented that we meet monthly until this application process is completed. He suggested that we meet after the County Board meeting which is the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting has tentatively set for Wednesday March 22, at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION BY SAYLER. SECONDED BY CARSTENS TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 17, 2006, MEETINGS MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:35 p.m.