



**Van Buren County Farmland Preservation Board  
Administration and Land Services Building  
219 Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw**

**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

Call to order at 6:40 pm

**Present:** Amy Lockhart, Dave Foerster, Don MacKellar, Scott Cedarquist, Kurt Dowd, Ted Major, Mike Alaga, Mike Pioch

**Absent:** Bill Mihelich/Mike Rainey

**Public:**

**Agenda:** Agenda was accepted as presented.

**Minutes** of August 14<sup>th</sup> : Motion by Bill Lawson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Erdmann to accept the minutes with changes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** none

**Old Business:**

*Fundraising* – Dave Foerster reported that local charitable gaming organizations were booked up for several months. Other location options were also discussed as well as potential volunteers to work the fundraiser. Dave will look into other location options and as soon as we can get a date we will move forward.

*County wide land use planning*– Discussion was held on how to involve the County planning commission and Townships in working toward a county wide land use plan.

**New Business:**

*Board Member* – Wayne Hammond's elected official seat on the Land Preservation Board remains vacant. Mike Alaga (Decatur Township Supervisor) will entertain a nomination to fill the seat and will get back to Dave to confirm.

**Other Business:**

*Van Buren County Food & Farm Guide:* Lockhart mentioned that the Conservation District is working on a Van Buren County Food & Farm guide to link residents & consumers with local farms and farm related businesses. Deadline to be listed in the guide is Feb 10.

**Next Meeting:** **\*\*NOTE:** there will be no LPB meetings in February or March, the next meeting will be April 9, 2009 at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm  
Submitted by Amy Lockhart  
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