

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Planning Commission
February 12, 2013**

In attendance were: Jody Melton, Dr. Ray Ooms, John DeKock, Peggy Woods, Steve Warren, Alana Bauman, Sara Patterson, Dale Eenigenburg, Attorney Gordon Etzler and Town Manager John Dyke. Not in attendance was Norm Groet.

President Jody Melton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes from October 11, 2011 were read and approved. Motion by John DeKock and seconded by Peggy Woods. Motion passed.

The board proceeded to have election of officers for the upcoming year.

Sara Patterson motioned to nominate Jody Melton for President. Steve Warren seconded. Motion passed.

John DeKock motioned to nominate Alana Bauman as Vice President. Sara Patterson seconded. Motion passed.

Dr. Ray Ooms motioned to nominate Sara Patterson as Secretary. John DeKock seconded. Motion passed.

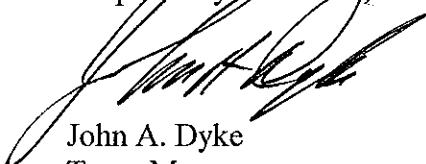
The next item was the flood plain violation of Jeff Donovan (4618 E. 1040 N. DeMotte, IN 46310). John Dyke explained the packet of information and showed how the house is on the river and the potential of some of the houses falling into the river.

Attorney Gordon Etzler will speak with Mr. Joe Morrison, Attorney for Mr. Donovan and see if he has a plan to proceed. Attorney Gordon Etzler also spoke about the amortization. Other towns limit the usage for a time period. After the time limit, the owner must leave the property. Jody Melton has made an offer on a piece of property that would allow the river basin committee to rebuild the bank.

Discussion followed about the proposed flood plan that FEMA has given to the town. John explained the time frame involved. The town engineer will submit his findings to FEMA. Attorney Gordon Etzler suggested that future subdivision development should have larger retention basins. A local water drainage board may be a consideration for the future.

Motion was made by Alana Bauman to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. and was seconded by Sara Patterson. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



John A. Dyke
Town Manager