

## RECORD OF MEETING

### Williston Comprehensive & Transportation Plan Update

#### Focus Group for Pherrin and Stony Creek Townships

September 24, 2008 6:00 PM

Williston City Hall

Meeting Participant:

Representing:

David Heller  
Gordon Brukaw  
Mark Ellis  
Cindy Gray  
Rick Lane

Stony Creek Township  
Pherrin Township  
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Introductions were made. Cindy and Rick explained that the purpose of the focus group meetings was to gather input from township representatives for use during the preparation of Williston's Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan. SRF explained that it is important to gain an understanding of township issues associated with city growth, and to discuss land use, the transportation system and how city growth and city traffic patterns are currently affecting townships roads, physical characteristics of the townships, and anything that relates to city growth and its relationship to the surrounding townships. The following comments were made:

- Pherrin Township has a zoning ordinance, but the township no longer has an active Township Board. They consider themselves an unorganized township.
- Concerned about sprawling development around Williston and the effect that has on their ability to farm, especially in Pherrin Township.
- East of the Little Muddy River, there are old coal mine shafts. They cause soil instability. Some development there has already experienced shifting and instability problems. The area is not suitable for development because of that.
- Concerned that lower taxes may draw more people to build houses outside city limits. This is not wanted by township property owners.
- Property owners wondered if White Bridge Road can be extended along south side.

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- Stony Creek experiences subdivision and development requests from time to time. It's not a major issue for them, but is of some concern. They're handled by the County, since Stony Creek has relinquished its zoning to Williams County. The accumulation of junk on some properties is more of a concern and problem for the Township.
- Pherrin Township may go with county zoning in the future. The other three townships in the study use county zoning.