



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

7:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Barry Jacowski, Catherine Guth, David Peterson, Mike Splinter

Attending In-Person: Barry Jacowski, Catherine Guth, David Peterson, Mike Splinter

Attending Online: None

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Steve Bradley, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: In-person - Tarion O'Carroll, Tor Anderson, Pete Arntsen, Mark Brueggeman, Mildred Neville, John Bertelson Jr., D.

J. Firkus, Ray Reser, County Executive John Pavelski

Attending Remotely - Kim B, Kim Krupka, Kyle Gordon

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Tarion O'Carroll, Tor Anderson, Pete Arntsen, Mark Brueggeman, Mildred Neville, D.J. Firkus registered to speak on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of June 6, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Splinter, seconded by Catherine Guth, to approve. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

CORRESPONDENCE

2. Tor Anderson Letter-Requested by Mike A. Olson

Included in meeting packets.

3. Dairy Business Association/Dairy Forward Articles - Requested by David Peterson

Included in meeting packets.

VOUCHERS

4. Review Vouchers, Purchases, and Procurement Card Charges

Vouchers, purchases and procurement card charges were reviewed.

REPORTS

5. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
 - a. Lakes Management Districts-Peterson
 - b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Bradley

- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-B. Jacowski
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP)-B. Jacowski
- e. Portage County Drainage District-Splinter/Guth-Alternate
- f. Mill Creek Watershed-Splinter
- g. Farmer Led Councils-Guth
- h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Olson

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. Lakes Management Districts-Peterson - Peterson reported the McDill District is working on getting funding for a new weed harvester.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Bradley - The next meeting is Thursday, July 20.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-B. Jacowski - Benedict will forward the agenda for the August Summer Tour and business meeting when it is available.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP)-B. Jacowski - Bradley reported the intern quit.
- e. Portage County Drainage District-Splinter/Guth-Alternate - Guth reported that Don Isherwood was appointed as a commissioner.
- f. Mill Creek Watershed-Splinter - Splinter said he will report on the results from the chloride testing when they are released.
- g. Farmer Led Councils-Guth - No report
- h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Vacant - The last meeting was postponed. The next meeting date is to be determined.

6. Conservation Camp Report

The report is included in meeting packets.

7. Nelsonville Monitoring Wells Report and Discussion

Reed referred to the memos included in the meeting packets. The first round of monitoring well testing is underway. After an analysis is completed, it will be shared with the LWCC. Regarding the quarterly Nelsonville resident well testing results, Reed noted Jen McNelly has not had an opportunity to review. Bradley distributed a handout and provided his interpretation.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

8. Discussion/Possible Action - Barriers to the Well Replacement Program

Peterson noted he received two inquiries and referred them to Tor or Lisa Anderson and Jen McNelly. He said the process is slow.

9. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

Request for special meeting attendance - Peterson will be attending a meeting in Middleton sponsored by the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - None.

Special meeting attendance reports - Splinter requested written reports from special meeting attendees to be shared with committee members and possibly all County Board Supervisors.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.