

PORTAGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 - 2:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance	MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance
TOWNS:			TOWNS:		
Alban	Ray Oksuita	Present	Sharon	Bill Gibbs	Present
Almond	Michael Copas	Present	Stockton	Mike Bronk	Absent
Amherst	Brenna Olson	Present	VILLAGES:		
Belmont	Vacant		Almond	Brian Roehrborn	Absent
Buena Vista	Paul Cieslewicz	Absent	Amherst	Dave Crubaugh	Present
Carson	John Jazdzewski	Present	Amherst Junction	Karen Shulfer	Absent
Dewey	Rhonda Hollfelder	Absent	Junction City	Alex Peden	Present
Dewey Alt	Kathy Girolamo	Present	Nelsonville	Walter Leppen	Present
Eau Pleine	Roger Skrzeczkoski Sr	Present	Park Ridge	Vacant	
Eau Pleine Alt	Andrew Stashek	Absent	Plover	Dominique Swangstu	Present
Grant	Ron Becker	Present	Plover Alt	Adam Dekleyn	Absent
Hull	Dave Wilz	Present	Rosholt	Bob Kurszewski	Absent
Lanark	Bill McKee	Present	Whiting	Dean Curtis	Present
Linwood	Jason Glisczynski	Present	CITY:		
New Hope	Ray Reser	Present	Stevens Point	Mike Wiza	Absent
Pine Grove	Jeanette Wilson	Absent	Stevens Point Alt	Ryan Kernosky	Absent
Plover	Jim Garbe	Present			

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Reed, Kristen Johnson, and Amy Heins, Planning and Zoning Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Wessel – North Central Wis. Regional Planning Commission, Scott Soik – District 19 Supervisor, John Pavelski – County Executive

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Glisczynski.

2. PUBLIC NOTICE: *Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.* Soik registered to speak.

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2023

A motion was made by McKee, seconded by Leppen, to approve. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

4. RECAP OF FIRST MEETING

Presentation on file.

5. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL SURVEY OF PORTAGE COUNTY RESIDENTS

- Electronic survey countywide, and notice via public notice in the newspaper, and on social media
- There was a 22% response rate with the last countywide survey was done
- Make hard copies available at the County and municipalities
- Concerns about how to prevent multiple responses from same individual

Johnson to email out former survey questions for Committee review. Glisczynski stated we would bring this back to the next meeting as a discussion/possible action agenda item to review the questions.

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: CHAPTER 2: NATURAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Add archaeological sites to "Cultural Resources" section
- Add agricultural tourism (contact the visitors bureau for more information)

Additions to "Previous Planning Efforts":

- Groundwater Management Plan

- Portage County Well Water Quality 2022
- “Issues”:
- Small farms concerned with remaining economically feasible with current operations

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: CHAPTER 3: HOUSING

- Groundwater quality impacts new development in small rural communities as well as internet access
- Add:
- Affordable senior housing (which also means the need for transportation)
 - Small cost-effective multi-family dwellings
 - Low-income housing

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is tentatively set for Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, County Annex.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Oksuita moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by McKee. Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.