



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

7:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

To attend this meeting by telephone : dial 1-872-242-7813 after dialing the number you will then be asked to enter in a meeting number. Use the following meeting number: 230 630 707 672, then press #

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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, Mark Hemmrich, Steve Fritz

Attending In-Person: Barry Jacowski, David Peterson, Mike Splinter Steve Fritz

Attending Online: Catherine Guth, Mark Hemmrich

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Tim Reed (Remote), Steve Bradley, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: In-person - John Pavelski, County Executive; Pat Keller, District 14 Supervisor; Makenzie Weber, Phillip White, Gabriel Dickens, UWSP Students; Kim Krupka, Mildred Neville

CORRESPONDENCE

Benedict mentioned members received an email from Chris Hamerla, Golden Sands RC&D, regarding the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) update for March.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of February 6, 2024 Minutes

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

REPORTS

2. Nelsonville Well Testing Laboratory Results

Included in meeting packets.

3. Vendor Invoice Lists

Included in meeting packets.

4. Quarterly Budget Reports

Included in meeting packets.

5. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
 - a. Lakes Management Districts-Peterson/Fritz
 - 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. Farmer Led Councils-Guth
 - g. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Vacant

- a. Lakes Management Districts-Peterson/Fritz - Peterson reported the Lake Helen District meets on Thursday (April 4). Fritz attended the February 29 McDill District meeting. Dam repairs have not been done. The City of Stevens Point Comprehensive Plan concerning McDill Pond is upcoming. The Lakes Management Plan for weed harvesting areas has been approved. Muck biotic permits were approved for 22 homeowners. The earliest weed harvesting can begin is May 15. The harvesters are 30 years old, 15 years past life expectancy. Fritz provided a copy of the proposed Harvesting Equipment Lease between the City of Stevens Point and the District, which is to be approved at the May 11 meeting.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Bradley - No report.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-B. Jacowski - No report.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP)-B. Jacowski - Bradley reported on the March 19 meeting. The 2023 end of year budget was provided. The annual lease agreement for office space and storage rental with the UW was approved. A written staff report was provided and indicated LTEs are hired for the season.
- e. Portage County Drainage District-Splinter/Guth-Alternate - No report.
- f. Farmer Led Councils-Guth - No report.
- g. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Vacant - No report.

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 public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

No one registered to speak.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Discussion/Possible Action - 2025 Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Grant Application

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Mike Splinter, to approve. Bradley provided a summary of the grant application. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. 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 - No requests.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Mike Splinter, to approve special meeting attendance. Motion to approve special meeting attendance carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Special meeting attendance reports - Fritz provided a report under Committee Representative Reports for the McDill District meeting. Peterson reported on the sessions he attended at the WI Land+Water Conservation Association Annual Conference including topics on neonicotinoid insecticides, biosolids, and renewable energy.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. pending committee assignments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Mike Splinter, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.