



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

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 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Justin Isherwood, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz

Attending In-Person: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Justin Isherwood, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz

Attending Online: None

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: James Yetter

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Tyler Kunze, Steve Bradley, Dan O'Connell, Shannon Rohde, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: County Board Chair Ray Reser, Jen McNelly, UW-Extension, John Eron, Weed Commissioner, Pete Arntsen, Deputy Weed Commissioner, Jack Eron, Lynn Isherwood, Mark Brueggeman, Lisa and Tor Anderson, Tarion O'Carroll, Lynn Markham, Mildred Neville

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PRESENTATIONS

1. John Eron, Portage County Weed Commissioner

John Eron and Pete Arntsen, Deputy Weed Commissioner, gave a presentation on noxious weed control in the county.

2. Jennifer McNelly, Former Water Resource Specialist/Introduce Tyler Kunze, Water Resource Specialist

Tyler Kunze, Water Resource Specialist, and Jennifer McNelly, former Water Resource Specialist, gave a presentation on Portage County's water resources, programs, and projects.

3. Land and Water Conservation Division Staff Duties - Dan O'Connell, Senior Conservation Technician, Shannon Rohde, Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership Project Coordinator

Shannon Rohde gave an overview of the Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership and explained his duties as the Project Coordinator. Dan O'Connell explained his duties as the Senior Conservation Technician.

REPORTS

4. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

a. Lake Management Districts - Representative recommendations to be made later in the meeting.

b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Supervisor Nancy Eggleston

c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-Supervisor Janell Wehr/Supervisor Amberle Schwartz-Alternate

d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP)-Citizen Member Justin Isherwood

e. Portage County Drainage District-Citizen Member Justin Isherwood

f. Farmer Led Councils-Supervisor Amberle Schwartz

g. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Supervisor Amberle Schwartz/Supervisor Janell Wehr-Alternate

- a. Lake Management Districts - Representative recommendations to be made under Agenda Item #6
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Supervisor Nancy Eggleston - A written report was provided for the May 16 meeting by Supervisor Nancy Eggleston.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-Supervisor Janell Wehr/Supervisor Amberle Schwartz-Alternate - No report.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP)-Citizen Member Justin Isherwood - No report.
- e. Portage County Drainage District-Citizen Member Justin Isherwood - No report.
- f. Farmer Led Councils-Supervisor Amberle Schwartz - No report.
- g. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Supervisor Amberle Schwartz/Supervisor Janell Wehr-Alternate - 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. Approval of May 7, 2024 Minutes

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

6. LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District
- b. Lake Jacqueline Protection and Rehabilitation District
- c. McDill Inland Lake and Rehabilitation District

A recommendation was made to appoint the following County Board Supervisors as Lake District Board Commissioners:

- a. Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District - Supervisor Ray Reser
- b. Lake Jacqueline Protection and Rehabilitation District - Supervisor Jeanne Dodge
- c. McDill Inland Lake and Rehabilitation District - Supervisor Suzanne Oehlke

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve the recommendations. Motion to approve the recommendations carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. Discussion/Possible Action - Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Cost Share Contract Approvals

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Justin Isherwood, to approve the cost share contracts. Motion to approve the cost share contracts carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

8. 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 - Supervisors Nancy Eggleston and Amberle Schwartz requested to attend Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association training for LWCC members on June 7 in Green Bay (Supervisor Eggleston) and June 26 in Wausau (Supervisor Schwartz). A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Justin Isherwood, to approve attendance. Motion to approve attendance carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - Supervisor Nancy Eggleston attended the Golden Sands RC&D Council Meeting on May 16. A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve special meeting attendance. Motion to approve special meeting attendance carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Special meeting attendance reports - Supervisor Nancy Eggleston submitted a written report for the May 16 Golden Sands RC&D Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 1 and 2, County Annex.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nancy Eggleston adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.