



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, July 2, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Attending Online: James Yetter (left meeting at 8:25 p.m.)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Steve Bradley, Tyler Kunze, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: Jennifer Glad, Golden Sands RC&D; Lynn Isherwood, Tor & Lisa Anderson, Tarion O'Carroll

CORRESPONDENCE

Benedict read a thank you note from Mara Raddatz, who received a scholarship to attend the high school conservation camp.

1. Portage County May Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Highlights - Submitted by Andrew Senderhau, Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development

Included in meeting packets.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council - Jennifer Glad, Executive Director

Jennifer Glad shared information on the programs Golden Sands RC&D offers. The next Council meeting is July 18 at the River Block Building in Wisconsin Rapids. The subcommittees meet at 9:00 a.m. The Council meeting starts at 10:15 a.m.

3. Land and Water Conservation Division (LWCD) Overview - County Conservationist Steve Bradley and Patty Benedict, Administrative Associate II

Summaries of Bradley's and Benedict's duties were included in meeting packets. Additional information was shared based on questions from the committee.

4. Land and Water Resource Management Plan Overview and 5-Year Review Process - Steve Bradley

Bradley explained the Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan is a 10-year plan, with a five-year review which will be presented to the Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) in October. The review process includes a number of questions which Bradley will bring to the August meeting for LWCC input.

REPORTS

5. Notification of National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Grant Application - Tyler Kunze, Water Resource Specialist

Kunze provided background on the grant. He was informed all the funding has been allocated for this year. An application may be submitted next year.

6. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. Lake Management Districts-APPOINTMENTS TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE JULY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

- Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District-Supervisor Ray Reser
- Lake Jacqueline Protection and Rehabilitation District-Supervisor Jeanne Dodge
- McDill Inland Pond Rehabilitation District-Supervisor Suzanne Oehlke
- 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 - The Executive Operations Committee approved the appointment recommendations, which will be confirmed at the July 16 County Board meeting.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Supervisor Nancy Eggleston - No report.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-Supervisor Janell Wehr/Supervisor Amberle Schwartz-Alternate - Benedict reported the Summer Tour is scheduled for July 26, hosted by Langlade County. Anyone interested in attending should contact Benedict.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP)-Citizen Member Justin Isherwood - If members are interested in viewing an installation, Bradley noted a living snow fence project is underway along Highway 10 in the Amherst area.
- e. Portage County Drainage District-Citizen Member Justin Isherwood - Citizen Member Isherwood explained ditches collectively drain to the far west side of the county line into five lakes outside of Portage County. He met with the Nepko Lake Association, which has water quality issues. He took them on a tour of the Drainage District, showing the proximity of the ditches to fields. There are questions regarding nutrient load being added. The Drainage District Board has discussed but has not approached landowners.
- f. Farmer Led Councils-Supervisor Amberle Schwartz - No report.
- g. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Supervisor Amberle Schwartz/Supervisor Janell Wehr-Alternate - Information was provided in meeting packets.

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.

Lisa Anderson and Tarion O'Carroll registered to speak.

(Supervisor Yetter left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. Approval of June 4, 2024 Minutes

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve.
The motion to approve Passed by the following vote:

5 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Justin Isherwood, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

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 - Supervisor Eggleston and Citizen Member Isherwood may attend the NCLWCA Summer Tour on July 26 in Langlade County.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - Supervisor Nancy Eggleston attended the Land and Water Conservation Committee training in Green Bay on June 7. A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve.
The motion to approve Passed by the following vote:

5 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Justin Isherwood, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

Special meeting attendance reports - A written report for Supervisor Eggleston's attendance at the Land and Water Conservation Committee training on June 7 was included in meeting packets.

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 1 and 2, County Annex.

The County Board has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 6 at 4:30 pm. An alternate date for the LWCC meeting is Thursday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. should it be necessary to change the date.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Eggleston adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.