



# PORTAGE COUNTY

## MEETING MINUTES

### LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

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Tuesday, September 3, 2024

7:00 PM

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#### 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: James Yetter  
Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Steve Bradley, Patty Benedict, Tyler Kunze (Remote)  
Others Attending: Lynn Isherwood, Tarion O'Carroll, Tor and Lisa Anderson, D.J. Firkus, Mildred Neville

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letters from Citizen Member Justin Isherwood dated June 5, 2024 and August 1, 2024

The letters were read by Justin Isherwood.

#### REPORTS

2. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. Lake Management Districts
  - Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District-Supervisor Ray Reser
  - Lake Jacqueline Protection and Rehabilitation District-Supervisor Jeanne Dodge
  - McDill Inland Lake and Rehabilitation District-Supervisor Suzanne Oehlke
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Supervisor Nancy Eggleston/Supervisor Amberle Schwartz-Alternate
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-Supervisor Janell Wehr/Supervisor Amberle Schwartz-Alternate
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership-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

- Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District-Supervisor Ray Reser - Supervisor Ray Reser reported the District is monitoring temperature and algae blooms. Temperatures have been warm, between 69-75 degrees from the surface to below 14' depth, causing algae blooms.

- Lake Jacqueline Protection and Rehabilitation District-Supervisor Jeanne Dodge - Supervisor Jeanne Dodge attended the August 18 meeting and provided a written report, read by Supervisor Nancy Eggleston. Voting requirements are set by Chapter 30. Minutes were approved. A financial report for 2023-24 was given. Budget was exceeded by \$3,795 and supplemented by non lapsing funds. Total expenses were \$13,789. The financial audit report for 2023-24 was approved. An audit committee was appointed to review next year's budget. Aerators are to be fixed. Weed control cutting was done in 2024. There was discussion on saving money by rotating cutting, twice one year and once the next year. Water quality monitoring was not completed in 2024. A raffle is being considered as a fund raiser. Volunteers are needed. The 2024-25 budget was approved. Laura Gunderson and Kevin Hujet were elected as

commissioners. The Town of Sharon shows 51 lots, but the District shows 50 lots, working to resolve the discrepancy. The next meeting will take place in October.

- McDill Inland Lake and Rehabilitation District-Supervisor Suzanne Oehlke - A meeting is to be held in September.

b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Supervisor Nancy Eggleston/Supervisor Amberle Schwartz-Alternate - No report.

c. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership-Citizen Member Justin Isherwood - No report.

e. Portage County Drainage District-Citizen Member Justin Isherwood - Citizen Member Justin Isherwood reported they are working on a website and possibly hiring a clerk. Identification signage is being placed on streams.

f. Farmer Led Councils-Supervisor Amberle Schwartz - No report.

g. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Supervisor Amberle Schwartz/Supervisor Janell Wehr-Alternate - The next meeting is scheduled for September 23. Supervisor Wehr plans to attend.

## **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.**

Tarion O'Carroll and D.J. Firkus registered to speak.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **3. Approval of August 6, 2024 Minutes**

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

## **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **4. Discussion/Possible Action - Final Committee Review of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's (DATCP's) Required Five-Year Review of Portage County's Land and Water Resource Management Plan For Submission to DATCP**

Bradley noted he added farm participation in the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP) as was suggested at the last meeting. Bradley stated he will submit the questionnaire to DATCP by the end of the week. The Land and Water Conservation Board will review at their October 1 meeting. Members are invited to attend the meeting virtually. A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve pending #4 edit that some changes are expected in the upcoming five years. Motion to approve pending #4 edit that some changes are expected in the upcoming five years carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

### **5. 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 Janel Wehr and Amberle Schwartz may attend the Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) meeting on September 23; Supervisors Amberle Schwartz and Nancy Eggleston may attend the Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC) meeting on September 12; Supervisors Nancy Eggleston and Janel Wehr may attend the Land and Water Conservation Board meeting on October 1. A motion was made by Justin Isherwood, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve special meeting attendance requests. Motion to approve special meeting attendance requests carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - Supervisor Jeanne Dodge attended the Lake Jacqueline Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting on August 18. A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Steve Fritz, to approve special meeting attendance. Motion to approve special meeting attendance carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Special meeting attendance reports - Supervisor Jeanne Dodge's report was given under Committee Representative Reports.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Nancy Eggleston adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

