



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, December 3, 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 7:01 pm.

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, Tyler Kunze, Shannon Rohde, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: In person - Ray Reser, Jennifer Glad, Lynn Isherwood, Pete Arntsen, Lynn Markham, Tarion O'Carroll, Lisa and Tor Anderson, Mildred Neville, others that did not sign in.

Attending Remotely: GD

CORRESPONDENCE

1. October and November Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Highlights - Submitted by Andrew Senderhauf, Regional AIS Coordinator, Golden Sands Resource & Conservation Development Council, Inc.

Included in meeting packets.

2. Health Effects of Nitrate in Drinking Water - Submitted by Christine Mechenich

Included in meeting packets.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council - John Eron

John Eron was unable to attend. Pete Arntsen shared an invitation to the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council's Cover Crop Field Day on Tuesday, December 10 at 10:00 am at Eron's Event Barn.

4. Crop Yield Curves and How Much Nitrate Leaches to Groundwater - George Kraft

This presentation was given at the November meeting.

5. Revised Technical Memorandum 2024-2, Groundwater Elevations and Flow Direction in the Nelsonville Area - George Kraft

George Kraft presented.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS FROM ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE APPOINTED MEETINGS

6. Supervisor Ray Reser for the Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District Meeting

No report.

7. Supervisor Jeanne Dodge for the Lake Jacqueline Protection and Rehabilitation District Meeting

No report.

8. Supervisor Suzanne Oehlke for the McDill Inland Lake and Rehabilitation District Meeting

No report.

9. Supervisor Nancy Eggleston and/or Supervisor Amberle Schwartz for the Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. Meeting

Supervisor Nancy Eggleston reported on the November 21 RC&D Council meeting.

10. Supervisor Janell Wehr and/or Supervisor Amberle Schwartz for the North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) Meeting

No report.

11. Citizen Member Justin Isherwood for the Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP) Meeting

Shannon Rohde, Project Coordinator, provided a report on CWWP activities.

12. Citizen Member Justin Isherwood for the Portage County Drainage District Meeting

Citizen Member Justin Isherwood reported he attended the Wisconsin Association of Drainage District meeting.

13. Supervisor Amberle Schwartz for the Farmer Led Councils Meetings

No report.

14. Supervisor Amberle Schwartz and/or Supervisor Janell Wehr for the Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) Meeting

A meeting is scheduled for December 16.

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

15. Approval of November 5, 2024 Minutes

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

16. Discussion/Possible Action - USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services 2024 Organic Crop Price Proposal

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

17. Discussion/Possible Action - Soil and Water Resource Management Cost Share Carryover

A motion was made by Justin Isherwood, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve carryover of the funds. Motion to approve carryover of the funds carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

18. 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 plan to attend the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council Cover Crop Field Day on December 10. Supervisor Amberle Schwartz plans to attend the Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition meeting on December 16.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - Approvals were given for Supervisor Jeanne Dodge attending the Lake Jacqueline District meeting on October 22 and Supervisor Nancy Eggleston attending the Golden Sands RC&D meeting on November 21. A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no

negative votes.

Special meeting attendance reports - Reports were given under Committee Member Reports from Attendance at Committee Appointed Meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- 19.** Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 7:00 PM, Conference Rooms 1&2, County Annex

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Nancy Eggleston adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.