



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

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 pm

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

Attending In-Person: James Yetter, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz

Attending Online: Amberle Schwartz

Members Excused: Justin Isherwood

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Steve Bradley, Tracy Arnold, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: In-Person: County Executive John Pavelski, County Board Chair Ray Reser, Tarion O'Carroll, Pete Arntsen, Lynn Markham, John and Jack Eron, Jennifer Glad, Andrew Senderhauf

Attending Remotely: Ashleigh Calaway, Jeffrey Dombrowski

PRESENTATIONS

1. Announce Conservation Poster and Speaking Contest Winners

Patty Benedict announced the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the poster and speaking contests.

REPORTS

2. Annual Weed Commissioner Report - John Eron, Portage and Wood County Weed Commissioner

John and Jack Eron and Pete Arntsen presented a Weed Commissioner report.

3. Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council Report - John Eron and Tracy Arnold

John Eron and Tracy Arnold presented on the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS FROM ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE APPOINTED MEETINGS

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

Supervisor Ray Reser reported a meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 10.

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

No report.

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

Supervisor Suzanne Oehlke provided a written report in the meeting packet.

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

Supervisor Nancy Eggleston reported the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16.

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

Patty Benedict reported Portage County is hosting the North Central area meeting on January 30. The area poster and speaking contests will be followed by the business meeting.

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

No report.

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

No report.

11. Supervisor Amberle Schwartz for the Farmer Led Councils Meetings

No report.

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

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.

Referencing agenda item #2, Jennifer Glad, Golden Sands RC&D Executive Director, commented that Portage County is part of a Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA). The Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP) is coordinated by RC&D and offered to partner with Portage County when needed. A steering committee meeting will take place in the spring. There is grant funding available to CISMAs through RC&D.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

13. Approval of December 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

14. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance - Approval to Attend WI Land+Water Conference – March 5-7, 2025, KI Convention Center, Green Bay
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

Request for special meeting attendance - Approval to Attend WI Land+Water Conference - March 5-7, 2025, KI Convention Center, Green Bay - A motion was made by James Yetter, seconded by Steve Fritz, to approve attendance for Supervisors Nancy Eggleston, Amberle Schwartz, and Janell Wehr. Motion to approve attendance for Supervisors Nancy Eggleston, Amberle Schwartz, and Janell Wehr carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - Supervisors Nancy Eggleston and Amberle Schwartz attended the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council field day on December 10, 2024 at the Eron Event Barn; Supervisor Suzanne Oehlke attended McDill Pond Rehabilitation District meetings on October 17 and December 5, 2024 at Ben Franklin Junior High; and Supervisor Jeanne Dodge attended the Lake Jacqueline Protection & Rehabilitation District meeting on October 22, 2024 via Zoom. A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by James Yetter, to approve attendance. Motion to approve attendance carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Special meeting attendance reports - Supervisor Nancy Eggleston reported on the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council field day at the Eron Event Barn on December 10. She commented it was a good experience and appreciates the work being done with students.

WI L+W Conference - March 5-7, 2025, KI Convention Center, Green Bay

NEXT MEETING DATE

15. Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 7:00 pm, Conference Rooms 1 and 2, County Annex.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Nancy Eggleston adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

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