



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 3, 2025

6:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Land and Water Conservations Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Nancy Eggleston.

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

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Tracy Arnold, Andrew Senderhauf, Tyler Kunze, Camryn Brewbaker Other
Attending: Jennifer Glad, Jacob Fluor, Chris Hamerla, Mildred Neville, Tarion O'Carroll

CORRESPONDENCE

PRESENTATIONS

1. Golden Sands RC&D - Invasive Species Management in Portage County

Jennifer Glad, Jacob Fluor, and Chris Hamerla presented on Golden Sands RC&D invasive species management projects for Invasive Species Action Month.

REPORTS

2. Tracy Arnold - County Conservationist Report

Tracy Arnold reviewed conservation projects the Land and Water Conservation Division staff are working on/completing. Nutrient management plans have been submitted by producers.

- Staff attended the Snap Plus Version 3 training.
- Update on Nitrogen Optimization Plans.
- The Shoreland Survey App is ready to be tested.
- Water chemistry data collection on lakes.
- Update on Healthy Lakes & Rivers grants and plantings.

3. Tyler Kunze - Village of Nelsonville Well Water Quality Results

Update on the Village of Nelsonville Well Water Quality Results for April. Noting that wells closer to the river have lower nitrates than the wells farther from the river.

4. Ray Reser - Creation of the Ad Hoc Committee

Reviewed the Creation of the Ad Hoc Committee. This committee will be an advisory committee to the County Board, not the Land and Water Conservation Committee. Reser met with several farmer watershed groups and their suggestion was to make an Ad Hoc Committee. A resolution should come through for our next meeting. The committee will be between 6-8 months.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS FROM ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE APPOINTED MEETINGS

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

Chemical treatments have been applied to the entire lake for invasives because pulling was not significant enough.

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

Reviewed the Lake Jacqueline District Meeting. The DNR and the Portage County Sheriff's department will not enforce the town ordinance regarding electric motors. The signs will be removed, and appropriate language will be used for new signage. They are also looking to expand their invasive species educational materials.

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

McDill completed their chemical treatment for invasives. They also asked us to look at nutrient loading.

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

Updates on staffing and newsletter.

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

Reviewed the NCLWCA Meeting. Discussed summer camps and the Nutrient Management Power of Education Plan. Canva and Pasture Training are coming soon. The regional meeting will be held in Portage County in September.

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

No Report.

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

Reviewed the Portage County Drainage District Meeting. The board has been receiving solar contracts and the issue has been the maintenance of the corridors.

12. Supervisor Amberle Schwartz for the Farmer-Led Councils Meetings

Land and Water Conservation Staff assisted with a Mill Creek group field trip.

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

Reviewed the CSGCC Meeting. Presentation from a UWSP student and from the DNR to engage all stakeholders on the issue of the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico. **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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14. Approval of May 6th, 2025 Minutes

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

15. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Master Grant

16. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Appointing the County Conservationist, Tracy Arnold, to replace the previous County

Conservationist, Steve Bradley's, duties.

17. 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

NEXT MEETING DATE

18. Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Conference Rooms 1 and 2, County Annex

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm by Nancy Eggleston.

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