



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 1, 2025

6:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Amberle Schwartz, Justin Isherwood, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz

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

Online: None

Members Excused: James Yetter

Members Absent: Janell Wehr

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Tyler Kunze, Tracy Arnold, Shawn O'Connell, Andrew Senderhauf, Camryn Brewbaker

Others Attending: County Board Chair Ray Reser, Mark Brueggeman, Tarion O'Carroll Other

Attending Online: Nate Zimdars, Kim Bremmer

CORRESPONDENCE

1. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) Summer Tour 2025

Reviewed the NCLWCA Summer Tour 2025 in which Land Conservation Staff will be attending.

2. DATCP 2024 Nutrient Management Map

Reviewed the 2024 Nutrient Management Map from DATCP.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Shawn O'Connell - Portage County Nutrient Management Program Update

Shawn O'Connell reviewed the updates to the Portage County Nutrient Management Program. As of June 30th, 2025, there have been 25 submitted nutrient management plans. Land Conservation staff will be working towards reaching out to landowners for more plans.

REPORTS

4. Tracy Arnold - County Conservationist Report

Tracy Arnold reviewed projects Land Conservation staff have been working on for the month of June. These include nutrient management plans, the nitrogen optimization pilot program, lake monitoring and surveys, streamflow and water chemistry data collection, Healthy Lakes and Rivers plantings and reimbursements, DATCP training, windbreak plantings through Windshed, well closures, and grazing projects.

5. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

No reports.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS FROM ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE APPOINTED MEETINGS

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

Tracy Arnold reviewed the Lake Helen annual meeting.

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

Tracy Arnold reviewed Lake Jacqueline projects.

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

Andrew Senderhauf reviewed McDill Lake sampling and data.

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

Justin Isherwood reviewed solar projects in the Portage County Drainage District.

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.

Two members of the public expressed their support for the adoption of an ordinance regulating certain aspects of an industrial livestock operation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10. Approval of June 3rd, 2025

A motion was made Amberle Schwartz and seconded by Justin Isherwood to Approve. The motion to approve was Passed by the following vote:

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

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

11. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Resolution Creating an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to make a Recommendation to the Portage County Board of Supervisors related to the Potential Adoption of an Ordinance Regulating Certain Aspects of an Industrial Livestock Operation.

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz and seconded by Justin Isherwood to Approve. The motion to approve was Passed by the following vote:

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

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING DATE

12. Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, 6:00pm., Conference Rooms 1 and 2, County Annex

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nancy Eggleston adjourned the meeting at 6:49pm.