



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

7:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Industrial Livestock Operations meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Schwartz.

Members Present: Ken Feltz, Tyler Bulgrin, Lynn Markham, Mike Pagel, Christine Mechenich, Janell Wehr, Amberle Schwartz

Attending In-Person: Ken Feltz, Tyler Bulgrin, Lynn Markham, Mike Pagel, Christine Mechenich, Janell Wehr, Amberle Schwartz

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Current State and Local Regulations

For future agenda items, Land and Water Conservation Staff will add current state and local regulations regarding the meeting topic(s).

PRESENTATIONS

2. Betty Lund - Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium Board Member

Betty Lund discussed her roles as a WLIC Board Member and being the Producer Relations Manager for Dairy State Cheese and Eau Galle Cheese.

3. Mike Sabel - Animal Units

Mike Sabel reviewed SnapPlus Animal Unit Standards and Wisconsin Agriculture Statistics and Trends.

REPORTS

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

No Report.

5. Senior Conservation Technician — Response to Committee Animal Unit Request

Shawn O'Connell reviewed the numbers of farms in Portage County that would be affected by animal unit numbers, starting at 500 and then increasing by 250. This is based on submitted Nutrient Management Plans and the 2022 Census of Agriculture 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.

Members of the public addressed the Committee on their opinions on developing the ordinance and the agenda item topics.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Approval of September 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Mike Pagel, to Approve. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

7. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Agenda Topics List

Reviewed the Agenda Topics List and discussed when each topic will be discussed in future meetings. These topics include animal welfare, fire/emergency management, roads/waste transportation, waste management/nutrient management plans, environmental impacts, public health, financial security, and triggers that apply the ordinance to any farm. This list was approved by consensus of the committee.

8. Discussion Only: Future Agenda Items

Reviewed the Agenda Topics List.

NEXT MEETING DATE October 1st, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Schwartz at 10:05pm.