



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, October 1, 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 7:01pm.

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

Members Excused: Mike Pagel

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

CORRESPONDENCE

PRESENTATIONS

1. Lisa Doerr - Polk County Hay Producer, Town Partnership Committee and Mary Dougherty - Bayfield County Supervisor - Other County/Town Industrial Operations Ordinances

Lisa Doerr and Mary Dougherty presented on other county/towns operation ordinances.

2. Ray Reser - County Board Chair - Operations Ordinance Rationale

Chair Reser presented on operations ordinance rationale.

3. Justin Malin - Stevens Point Deputy Fire Marshall and Stevens Point Emergency Management Coordinator

Line item removed.

REPORTS

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. Approval of September 17, 2025 Minutes.

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Fire/emergency management recommendations as they relate to proposed industrial livestock operations ordinance

Reviewed and discussed fire/emergency management recommendations.

7. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Animal welfare recommendations as they relate to proposed industrial livestock operations ordinance

Line item moved to next meeting on October 15.

8. Discussion Only: Schedule for future agenda items and committee recommendations

Discussed the schedule for future agenda items and the possibility of adding another meeting date of October 29. A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Ken Feltz, to Approve adding October 29th as an additional meeting date.
The motion to Approve Passed by the following vote:

5 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Ken Feltz, Lynn Markham, Christine Mechenich

1 No: Tyler Bulgrin

0 Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.