



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 15, 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.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Fire Chief/Service Director of the Amherst Fire District — Fire management recommendations as they relate to proposed industrial livestock operations

Reviewed fire management recommendations from the Fire Chief/Service Director of the Amherst Fire District.

PRESENTATIONS

2. County Conservationist and Senior Conservation Technician — Existing Portage County Ordinance 7.10

Tracy Arnold and Shawn O'Connell presented on existing Portage County Ordinance 7.10.

3. Kevin Erb, UW Extension - Manure Spills and Transportation

Kevin Erb presented on statewide manure spills and transportation.

REPORTS

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

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 October 1st, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Christine Mechenich, seconded by Ken Feltz, to Approve minutes. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

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

This line item discussion was moved to the next meeting.

7. Discussion Only: Requested by committee members: compiled data by county staff from various existing operations ordinances on animal units and requirements triggering ordinance for existing/grandfathered farms

The committee reviewed data compiled by county staff from various existing operations ordinances on animal units and requirements triggering ordinance for existing/grandfathered farms.

8. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Recommendations on animal unit threshold for new and existing farms

The committee discussed recommendations for animal unit threshold for new and existing farms. This discussion will carry over to future meetings.

9. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Scheduling a farm tour for committee members

The committee discussed scheduling a farm tour.

10. Discussion Only: Future Agenda Topics and Items

The committee discussed future agenda topics and items.

NEXT MEETING DATE October 29th, 2025

October 29th, 2025 at 7pm at the Portage County Annex Building, Conference Rooms 1 & 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chair Schwartz at 9:51pm.