



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE AND LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Miresse.

Members Present: Vincent Miresse, Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Steve Cieslewicz, Larry Raikowski

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Eggleston.

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

Members Absent: Justin Isherwood

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

Others Attending: Ray Reser, John Pavelski

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc - September and October Aquatic Invasive Species Reports

Reviewed Golden Sands RC&D September and October Aquatic Invasive Species Reports.

2. Planning and Zoning Webinar Series Fall 2025

Reviewed the Fall 2025 Planning and Zoning Webinar Series.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Madeleine Pfaff, Wildlife Specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Damage Program

Madeleine Pfaff presented on the Wildlife Damage Program with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and introduced her replacement, Quinn Hanisch.

REPORTS

4. Vendor Invoices

Reviewed vendor invoices.

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

Reviewed a special meeting attendance report submitted by Jeanne Dodge for the Lake Jacqueline Protection Rehabilitation District.

6. Chair Schwartz - Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Industrial Livestock Operations Update

Chair Schwartz updated the committees on the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Industrial Livestock Operations.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. T-2025-001 - Proposal to amend the existing Portage County Wellhead Protection Ordinance text and make modifications to the Groundwater Protection District maps.

Tyler Kunze, Water Resource Specialist, reviewed the proposal to amend the existing Portage County Wellhead Protection Ordinance text and modifications to the Groundwater Protection District maps.

8. Portage County Groundwater Management Plan Amendment

Tyler Kunze, Water Resource Specialist, reviewed the Portage County Groundwater Management Plan Amendment. **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.

Chris Mechenich commented on the Wellhead Protection Ordinance and the Groundwater Management Plan.

Tarion O'Carroll commented on the Wellhead Protection Ordinance. Lynn

Markham commented on the Wellhead Protection Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. Approval of September 2nd, 2025 Minutes — Land and Water Conservation Committee

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by James Yetter, to approve September 2nd, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion to carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

10. Approval of September 23rd, 2025 Minutes — Planning and Zoning Committee

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve September 23rd, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

11. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Reconsideration of previous Committee action regarding City of Stevens Point decision to rezone NORTHEAST CORNER OF COUNTY ROAD HH & HOOVER ROAD – REZONE FROM THE “R-1” SUBURBAN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO THE “B-4” COMMERCIAL DISTRICT and potential impacts to a wellhead protection zone and Village of Whiting and City of P wells. (Planning and Zoning Committee Only).

Reviewed and reconsidered previous Committee action regarding the City of Stevens Point decision to rezone the Northeast Corner of County Road HH & Hoover Road - Rezone from the "R-1" Suburban Single-Family Residence District to the "B-4" Commercial District and potential impacts to a wellhead protection zone and Village of Whiting and City of P wells. A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve sending the letter to the County Board. The motion to approve Passed by the following vote:

3 Yes: Vinnie Miresse, Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr

2 No: Steve Cieslewicz, Larry Raikowski 0

Abstain: None

12. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning Committee Only) Authorizing a Contract for Public Land Survey System Corner Maintenance

Jeff Hartman, GIS Coordinator, reviewed the Contract for Public Land Survey System Corner Maintenance. A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve the contract for Public Land Survey Corner Maintenance. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

13. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Land and Water Conservation Committee Only) 2026 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program Budget and 2025 Crop Prices

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve the 2026 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program and the 2025 Crop Prices. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

14. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning Committee AND Land and Water Conservation Committee) Groundwater Management Plan

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes by the Land and Water Conservation Committee.

**15. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning Committee AND Land and Water Conservation Committee)
Wellhead Protection Ordinance**

Planning and Zoning Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025

NEXT MEETING DATE Land and Water Conservation Committee — Tentatively December 2nd at 6pm, Portage County Annex Building, Conference Rooms 1 & 2. Planning and Zoning Committee — Tentatively November 19th at 5pm, Portage County Annex Building, Conference Room 5

Joint Committee Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee with the Land and Water Conservation Committee on November 19th, 2025 at 5:00pm, Portage County Annex Building, Conference Rooms 1 & 2.

ADJOURNMENT

The Planning and Zoning Committee adjourned at 7:17pm by Chair Miresse.

The Land and Water Conservation Committee adjourned at 7:17pm by Chair Eggleston.