



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE AND THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOM 5
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:01PM

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

Attending In-Person: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Steve Cieslewicz, Larry Raikowski

Attending Online: Vinnie Miresse

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 5:01PM

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

Attending In-Person: Nancy Eggleston, Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Steve Fritz

Attending Online: None

Excused: James Yetter, Justin Isherwood

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Dan Bowers, Kristen Johnson, Tyler Kunze, Tracy Arnold, Shawn O'Connell, Andrew Senderhauf, Nicki Winkelman

Others Attending: County Executive Pavelski, Supervisor Bob Gifford-District 10

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. Regular Business/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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2. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. - November and December Aquatic Invasive Species Report

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PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORTS

3. Planning & Zoning YTD Budget Report

Tim Reed reported on the Planning & Zoning Budget Report.

4. Tracy Arnold, County Conservationist — County Conservationist Report
 - Activities Report - Projects, Programs and Grants

Tracy Arnold reported on her program area.

5. Dan Bowers, Planning and Zoning Assistant Director — Update on Zoning Code Rewrite

Dan Bowers gave an update on the Zoning Code Rewrite Ordinance.

6. Ray Reser, County Board Chair - Update on Industrial Agriculture Operations Ordinance Process

Ray Reser gave an update on the Industrial Agriculture Operations Ordinance.

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

None

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

8. REQ-2026-001 — A request by David Glodowski, owner, to amend the Town of Stockton Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designation of 2 acres included in parcel 034230914-06.05, from L3 Limited Agriculture/Mixed Use to Residential; and to amend the zoning classification of the same area from A3 Low Density Agricultural to R1 Rural & Urban Fringe Residence.

Kristen Johnson, Planner, gave an overview of the request.

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.

Public Comment: Pete Arntsen (Agenda item #13). Christine Mechenich (Agenda item #13). Lynn Markham (Agenda item #13). Bob Gifford (Agenda item #4 & 13).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. Approval of November 19th, 2025 Minutes — Land and Water Conservation Committee AND Planning and Zoning Committee

Land and Water Conservation Committee: A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Steve Fritz, to approve the November 19, 2025 joint meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Planning and Zoning Committee: A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Larry Raikowski, to approve the November 19, 2025 joint meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

10. Approval of December 17th, 2025 Minutes — Planning and Zoning Committee

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve the December 17, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

11. Discussion/Possible Action: (Planning and Zoning Committee ONLY) Resolution Re: Town of Stockton Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Portage County Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment, Glodowski

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve the resolution. Motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

12. Discussion/Possible Action (Planning and Zoning Committee ONLY) Re: Capital Improvement Plan Project Funding Request — Aerial Photography

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

13. Discussion/Possible Action (Planning and Zoning Committee AND Land and Water Conservation Committee) Re: Resolution Revising Portage County Code of Ordinances Section 7.2, Wellhead Protection

A motion was made by Vinnie Miresse, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve the resolution.

A motion by Nancy Eggelston and seconded by Janell Wehr to approve the resolution, and amend section 7.2.4 Groundwater Protection Overlay District A, Section F: provided the animal density does not exceed three animal units per acre and more than 24 animal units in total per parcel.

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve the amendment.

The motion to approve Passed by the following vote from the Land & Water Conservation Committee:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Steve Fritz, Nancy Eggleston

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

A motion was made by Vinnie Miresse, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve the amendment.

The motion to approve passed by the following vote from the Planning & Zoning Committee:

3 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miresse

2 No: Steve Cieslewicz, Larry Raikowski

0 Abstain: None

A motion was made by Vinnie Miresse, seconded by Amberele Schwartz to amend the Intent Section of Zone A: Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) minimizing use of pesticides and fertilizers are strongly encouraged.

A motion was made by Vinnie Miresse, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve the amendment.

The motion to approve passed by the following vote of the Planning & Zoning:

5 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miresse, Steve Cieslewicz, Larry Raikowski

2 No: None

0 Abstain: None

The motion to approve passed by the following vote of the Land & Water Conservation Committee:

3 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston

1 No: Steve Fritz

0 Abstain: None

A motion was made by Vinnie Miresse, seconded by Amberele Schwartz to amend the Design Performance Standards of Permitted Uses section.

Vinnie Miresse withdrew this motion to amend.

Discussion concluded.

The motion to approve the ordinance as amended passed by the following vote of the Land & Water Conservation Committee:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz

0 No:

0 Abstain: None

The motion to approve the ordinance as amended passed by the following vote of the Planning & Zoning Committee:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miresse, Steve Cieslewicz

1 No: Larry Raikowski

0 Abstain: None

14. Discussion/Possible Action (Planning and Zoning Committee ONLY) Re: Approval of Draft Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Section 7.7 Revisions to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource for its Review and Comments

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve the revisions. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Joint Committee Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee with the Land and Water Conservation Committee on February 24, 2026 at 5:00pm, Portage County Annex Building, Conference Rooms 1 & 2.

ADJOURNMENT

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting adjourned at 6:45PM