



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Tuesday, January 27, 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 5:05pm by County Board Chair Reser.

Members Present: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Larry Raikowski

Members Online: Vincent Miresse

Members Excused: Steve Cieslewicz

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Chair Eggleston.

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

Members Excused: James Yetter, Justin Isherwood

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

Others Attending: David Hickethier, Ray Reser

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Farmers For Tomorrow Watershed Council Winter Kickoff Meeting

The committees reviewed the Farmers For Tomorrow Watershed Council Winter Kickoff Meeting.

2. Portage County Poster Contest Winners

The committees reviewed the Portage County Poster Contest Winners.

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

The committees reviewed the Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. Regular Business/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Quinn Bushman, Elementary Speaking Contest Winner — Be The Giving Tree: Caring For Our Earth

Quinn Bushman presented to the committees.

5. Avery Bushman, Junior Speaking Contest Winner — The Roots of Responsibility

Avery Bushman presented to the committees.

REPORTS

6. 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.

Public Comment: Tarion O'Carroll (Agenda item #10). Tor Anderson (Agenda item #10).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**7. Approval of January 13th, 2026 Minutes — Planning and Zoning Committee**

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve the January 13th, 2026 joint meeting minutes. Motion to Approve minutes carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

8. Approval of January 13th, 2026 Minutes — Land and Water Conservation Committee

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve the January 13th, 2026 joint meeting minutes with corrections to the title of the minutes. Motion to approve minutes carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**9. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning AND Land and Water Conservation Committee) Resolution Revising Portage County Code of Ordinances Sections 3.1.21 AND 3.1.17, Creating the Planning and Conservation Committee**

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

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

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

A motion was made by Nancy Eggleston, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to rescind Eggleston's previous amendment on 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. The motion to rescind passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

A motion was made by Vincent Miresse, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to rescind Eggleston's previous amendment on 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. The motion to rescind passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to approve resending the Wellhead Protection Ordinance packet materials to the town clerks and town chairs and send this back to staff to schedule a joint meeting and public hearing between the Land and Water Conservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee. The motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve resending the Wellhead Protection Ordinance packet materials to the town clerks and town chairs and send this back to staff to schedule a joint meeting and public hearing between the Land and Water Conservation Committee and the Planning and Zoning Committee. The motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE Tuesday, February 24th, 2026 at 5:00pm

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ADJOURNMENT

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.