



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, February 24, 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 5:00 pm.

Members Present: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Larry Raikowski

Attending Online: Steve Cieslewicz, Vinnie Miresse

The Land and Water Conservation Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

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

Members Absent: James Yetter, Justin Isherwood

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Christina Bradbury, Nicki Winkleman, Tyler Kunze, Shawn O'Connell, Andrew Senderhauff, Tracy Arnold, Jenna Hake, Kristen Johnson

Others Attending: Ray Reser, Jeanne Dodge, Barry Jaikowski, Curtis Gagas, Michael Splinter

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Farmland Preservation Plan Letter Recertification Extension Request — Andrew Senderhauf, Conservation Technician

Reviewed by the committee.

2. Correspondence from Justin Isherwood

Reviewed by the committee.

3. Portage County January Aquatic Services Highlights 2026

Reviewed by the committee.

PRESENTATIONS

REPORTS

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

Jeanne Dodge- Lake Jacqueline Report

5. Planning & Zoning Year To Date Budget Report

Tim Reed- Updated on the 911 Next Generation Grant

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

Ray Reser- Updated on Industrial Agriculture Operations Ordinance Process.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

7. REQ-2026-002 - A request by the Town of Stockton to amend the Town of Stockton 2026 Comprehensive Plan, which is incorporated into the Portage County Comprehensive Plan 2024-2044 through Chapter 8 of that document; and to amend the Portage County Zoning Map for three parcels in the Town of Stockton.

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

8. REQ-2026-003 - A request by Jill Groshek, owner and the agent for owner Debra Spranger, to amend the Town of Amherst Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designation of .117 acres included in parcel 0065520 from L3 Limited Agriculture/Mixed Use to Residential and .117 acres included in parcel 0065519 from Residential to L3 Limited Agriculture/Mixed Use; and to amend the zoning classification of .117 acres of parcel 0065520 from A3 Low Density Agricultural to R1 Rural and Urban Fringe Residence and .117 acres of parcel 0065519 from R1 Rural and Urban Fringe Residence to A3 Low Density Agricultural.

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

9. **T-2025-001- Resolution Revising Portage County Code of Ordinances Section 7.2, Wellhead Protection- Updated Packet**

Tyler Kunze, Water Specialist, gave an overview.

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: Scott Soik, Pete Arntsen, Barry Jacowski, Paul kubisket, Andrea Olson, Elizabeth Trzebiatowski, Lynn Markum, Chris Mechenich, Eric Olson, Curtis Gagas, Tarin O' Carrell, Erin Thompson, Richard Trzebiatowski, Walter Leppen- All speaking on agenda #9

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10. Approval of January 27th, 2026 Minutes — Planning and Zoning Committee

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Steve Cieslewicz, to Approve the January 27, 2026 Minutes.

The motion to Approve the January 27, 2026 Minutes Passed by the following vote:

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

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

11. Approval of January 27th, 2026 Minutes — Land and Water Conservation Committee

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the January 27, 2026 Minutes.

The motion to Approve the January 27, 2026 Minutes Passed by the following vote:

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

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

12. Discussion/Possible Action Re:(Planning and Zoning Committee ONLY) REQ-2026-002: Town of Stockton 2026 Comprehensive Plan Amendment

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to Approve the Town of Stockton 2026 Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

The motion to Approve the Town of Stockton 2026 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Passed by the following vote:

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

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

13. Discussion/Possible Action Re: REQ-2026-003: (Planning and Zoning Committee ONLY) Groshek Future Land Use and Rezoning — Town of Amherst

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Vinnie Miresse, to Approve the Groshek Future Land Use and Rezoning .

The motion to Approve the Groshek Future Land Use and Rezoning Passed by the following vote:

5 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Steve Cieslewicz, Vinnie Miresse, Larry Raikowski
0 No: None
0 Abstain: None

**14. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning Committee AND Land and Water Conservation Committee)
Farmland Preservation Plan Letter Request**

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the Farmland Preservation Plan Letter Request. The motion to Approve the Farmland Preservation Plan Letter Request Passed by the following vote for the Planning and Zoning Committee:

5 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Steve Cieslewicz, Vinnie Miresse, Larry Raikowski
0 No: None
0 Abstain: None

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to Approve the Farmland Preservation Plan Letter Request. The motion to Approve the Farmland Preservation Plan Letter Request Passed by the following vote for the Land and Water Conservation Committee:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz
0 No: None
0 Abstain: None

**15. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning Committee AND Land and Water Conservation Committee) 2025
Wildlife Damage Program Claims Summary**

A motion was made by Vinnie Miresse, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to Approve the 2025 Wildlife Damage Claims Summary. The motion to Approve the 2025 Wildlife Damage Claims Summary Passed by the following vote for the Planning and Zoning Committee:

5 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Steve Cieslewicz, Vinnie Miresse, Larry Raikowski
0 No: None
0 Abstain: None

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Steve Fritz, to Approve the 2025 Wildlife Damage Claims Summary. The motion to Approve the 2025 Wildlife Damage Claims Summary Passed by the following vote for the Land and Water Conservation Committee:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz
0 No: None
0 Abstain: None

**16. 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 Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the Wellhead Protection Ordinance Resolution for the Land and Water Conservation Committee

A motion was made by Vinnie Miresse, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the Wellhead Protection Ordinance Resolution for the Planning and Zoning Committee

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Amend 7.2.6(3)(C) to read: "Any commercial, manufacturing and/or industrial use which requires POWTS" for the Land and Water Conservation Committee

The motion to Approve the amendment for the Wellhead Protection Ordinance Resolution Passed by the following vote for the Land and Water Conservation Committee:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz
0 No: None
0 Abstain: None

A motion was made by Vinnie Miresse, Seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the Resolution with the Ordinance as Amended. The motion to approve the Resolution with the Ordinance as Amended Passed by the following vote for the Planning and Zoning Committee:

3 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miresse
2 No: Steve Cieslewicz, Larry Raikowski

0 Abstain: None

The motion to Approve the Resolution with the Ordinance as Amended Passed by the following vote for the Land and Water Conservation Committee:

3 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston

1 No: Steve Fritz

0 Abstain: None

17. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning Committee AND Land and Water Conservation Committee) regarding US Department of Agriculture NRCS National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Grant Award in the amount of \$49,950

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the NRCS National Water Quality Initiative Grant. The motion to Approve the NWQI Grant Passed by the following vote for the Planning and Zoning Committee:

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

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the NRCS National Water Quality Initiative Grant. The motion to Approve the NWQI Grant Passed by the following vote for the Land and Water Conservation Committee:

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

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING DATE Joint Meeting on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.