



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

6:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Committee Members enter Per Diem and Mileage

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Barry Jacowski, Travis Bassett, Nancy Eggleston, Doug Stingle, Bob Gifford
Staff Present: Tracy Arnold, Chris Mrdutt, Andrew Senderhauf, Tyler Kunze, William Gau

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Travis Bassett to postpone the meeting.

Yes: Barry Jacowski

No: Travis Bassett, Nancy Eggleston, Doug Stingle, Bob Gifford

ELECTION OF OFFICERS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Chairperson

Chris Mrdutt asked for nominations for Land and Water Conservation Committee Chair. Barry Jacowski nominated Bob Gifford. Chris Mrdutt asked if there were any further nominations. Doug Stingle nominated Nancy Eggleston. Chris Mrdutt asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were made, and a roll call was taken. Nancy Eggleston received three votes from Travis Bassett, Nancy Eggleston, and Doug Stingle. Bob Gifford received two votes from Bob Gifford and Barry Jacowski.

2. Vice Chairperson

Nancy Eggleston asked for a nomination for Vice Chair. Travis Bassett nominated Doug Stingle, with Doug Stingle seconding the nomination. Motion was passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

ESTABLISH REGULAR MEETING DATE ESTABLISH REGULAR MEETING DATE

3. Determine the Regular Committee Meeting Date for the 2026-2028 Term

After discussion a regular meeting was established for the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. until daylight saving time and after that a different time will be established.

CORRESPONDENCE

4. Acronyms and Initials reference sheet
5. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) March AIS highlights
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7. North Central Land Water Conservation Association Training (NCLWCA) Flyer

8. WI Land+Water Training postcard
9. DATCP Farmland Preservation Plan Certification Extension Approval
10. County Executive Lake District Appointments Memo to Land and Water

PRESENTATIONS

11. Land and Water Conservation 101-Tracy Arnold, County Conservationist

Tracy Arnold presented.

REPORTS

12. 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.

Public Comment: Tarion O'Carroll, County Executive Eric Olson, County Chair Dax Burrough, Supervisor Nathan Sandwick, Supervisor Scott Soik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

13. Approval of Amended February 24th, 2026 Minutes

A motion was made by Travis Bassett, seconded by Bob Gifford to approve the amended February 24th, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

14. Approval of March 24th, 2026 Minutes

A motion was made by Travis Bassett, seconded by Doug Stingle to approve the March 24th, 2026 Minutes. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD STANDING APPOINTMENTS

15. Nominate Representative to Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District Meeting

Executive Eric Olson nominated Ryan Haney. Hearing no further nominations, Barry Jacowski moved to nominate Ryan Haney as Representative, seconded by Travis Bassett. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

16. Nominate Representative to Lake Jacqueline Protection and Rehabilitation District Meeting

Executive Eric Olson nominated Deb Omernik. Hearing no further nominations, Barry Jacowski moved to nominate Deb Omernik as Representative, seconded by Travis Bassett. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

17. Nominate Representative to McDill Pond Inland Lake and Rehabilitation District Meeting

Executive Eric Olson nominated Zack Sowieja. Hearing no further nominations, Barry Jacowski moved to nominate Zack Sowieja as Representative, seconded by Travis Bassett. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

18. Appoint two members to Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. Meeting

A Motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Travis Bassett to approve Nancy Eggleston and Tracy Arnold as representatives. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

19. Appoint two members to North Central Land & Water Conservation Association Meeting

A Motion was made by Travis Bassett, seconded by Barry Jacowski to approve Travis Bassett as the representative and Doug Stingle as alternative representative.

Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

20. Appoint a Member to Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership Meeting

A Motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Travis Bassett to approve Barry Jacowski as representative.

Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

21. Appoint a Member to Portage County Drainage District Meeting

A Motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Travis Bassett to approve Tracy Arnold as representative.

Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

22. Appoint a Member to Producer-Led Councils Meetings

A Motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Travis Bassett to approve Bob Gifford as representative.

Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

23. Appoint two members to Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition Meeting

A Motion was made by Travis Bassett, seconded by Barry Jacowski to approve Travis Bassett as representative and Doug Stingle as the alternate.

Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 14, 2026 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

The Land Conservation Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.