



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

6:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

To attend this meeting by telephone : dial 1-872-242-7813 after dialing the number you will then be asked to enter in a meeting number. Use the following meeting number: 183 809 833, then press #

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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 6:00pm.

Members Present: Nancy Eggleston, Travis Bassett, Doug Stingle, Bob Gifford, Tyler Bulgrin, Barry Jacowski

Online: Larry Raikowski, Farmers for Tomorrow

Staff Attending: Scott Allen, Tracy Arnold, Shawn O'Connell, Tyler Kunze, Andrew Senderhauf, Christina Bradbury

Public: Peter Arntsen, Tor Anderson, Tarion O'Carrol, Lisa Anderson

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Golden Sands RC&D July AIS Report
2. 2026 NM Regional Meetings — Sep 1 in Wausau
3. North Central Land Water Conservation Area Tour - Sep 10 in Athens
4. 2025 NOPP Annual Report
5. Educational Outreach Drainage Board Workshops

PRESENTATIONS

6. WATER (Well Owner Assistance for Treatment and Economic Recovery) Project Summary of Results—Kunze/Benaszeski
7. Farmer-Led Councils—Arnold, Eron, Hintz, Walsch
8. Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grant—Senderhauf

REPORTS

9. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)
10. County conservationist update—Arnold

11. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. Meeting—Eggelston/Arnold**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 # 14), Tor Anderson (Agenda item # 14), Tarion O'Carroll (Agenda item # 14), Lisa Anderson (Agenda item # 14).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**12. Approval of July 14, 2026, Minutes**

A motion was made by Bob Gifford, seconded by Travis Bassett, to approve the July 14, 2026, Minutes. A motion was made by Travis Bassett, seconded by Doug Stingle, to amend the July 14th, 2026, minutes by removing the narrative paragraph from item number 9, but leaving no action taken and to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**13. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Authorizing resolutions for Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grant**

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Travis Bassett, to approve the Authorizing resolutions for Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grant. Motion passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

14. Discussion/Possible Action RE: Revising Portage County Code of Ordinances Section 3.1.17, Resulting in the Addition of a Citizen Member to the Land and Water Conservation Committee

A motion was made by Bob Gifford, seconded by Doug Stingle, to approve Revising Portage County Code of Ordinances Section 3.1.17, Resulting in the Addition of a Citizen Member to the Land and Water Conservation Committee. A motion was made by Tyler Bulgrin, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to amend the resolution to have the citizen be a member of one of the three Portage County farmer-lead producer groups. The motion to approve failed by the following vote:

3 Yes: Bob Gifford, Barry Jacowski, Tyler Bulgrin

3 No: Nancy Eggleston, Travis Bassett, Doug Stingle

The vote to approve the resolution as presented passed by the following vote:

4 Yes: Nancy Eggleston, Travis Bassett, Doug Stingle, Bob Gifford

2 No: Tyler Bulgrin, Barry Jacowski

NEXT MEETING DATE Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Land and Water Conservation Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.