



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 3, 2021

7:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mildred Neville, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski , Julie Morrow, Gerry Zastrow, Catherine Guth

Attending In-Person: Mildred Neville, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Gerry Zastrow, Catherine Guth

Attending Online: Julie Morrow

Members Excused:None

Members Absent:None

Staff Attending: In person: Steve Bradley, Jen McNelly, Tracy Arnold, Patty Benedict. Attending remotely: Dan O'Connell

Others Attending: In person: Tamas Houlihan, Nick Somers, Tor & Lisa Anderson, Mark & Lois Brueggeman, Tarion O'Carroll, Jim & Marianne Walker. Attending remotely: Ken Schroeder, UW-Extension Agriculture Agent

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 reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

B. Jacowski announced remote comments will not be taken from public attending remotely.

There was no agenda item discussed, but the Chair allowed the public to comment and that conversation (at the end of the meeting) is reflected as follows: Tor Anderson requested to comment on the work plan for sampling wells in Nelsonville, whether private well owners are able to voice concerns to REI, the engineering firm awarded the bid. B. Jacowski said he would contact County Executive Chris Holman's office and suggested Anderson contact him as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 6, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Gerry Zastrow, seconded by Matt Jacowski, to Approve. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

PRESENTATION

2. Central Wisconsin Farmers' Collaborative - Tamas Houlihan, Executive Director, Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Tamas Houlihan, WPVGA Executive Director, and Nick Somers, lead farmer for the Central Wisconsin Farmers' Collaborative, a producer-led watershed protection group.

REPORTS

3. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. Lakes Management Districts - Neville
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Zastrow
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) - Zastrow/B. Jacowski-Alternate
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership - B. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate
- e. Portage County Drainage District - M. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate
- f. Mill Creek Watershed - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate
- g. Little Plover River Workgroup (LPR) - M. Jacowski, Morrow, Zastrow
- h. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate
- i. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate

- a. Lakes Management Districts - Neville - Neville reported the Lake Jacqueline District annual meeting is scheduled for September 5. The McDill District is finalizing a dredging contract. Sediment will be removed over the winter at no cost in exchange for the sediment. The Lake Helen commissioners met to discuss the blue green algae bloom. Arnold provided photos.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Zastrow - Zastrow reported on the July 22 meeting. Discussions included pending groundwater legislation and planning for the 50th anniversary.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) - Zastrow - Wood County is hosting the Summer Tour on August 20. Registration is due August 13.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP) - B. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - No report.
- e. Portage County Drainage District - M. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - No report.
- f. Mill Creek Watershed - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - No report.
- g. Little Plover River Workgroup (LPR) - M. Jacowski, Morrow, Zastrow - No report.
- h. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski/Zastrow - Dan O'Connell, Senior Conservation Technician, reported an application will be submitted for a Conservation Champions grant to fund educational efforts across the county. John Eron, Farmers of the Mill Creek Watershed Council, and Matt Hintz, Farmers for Tomorrow, support the application. The grant will be included in the 2022 budget.
- i. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate - The next meeting is scheduled for late August.

CORRESPONDENCE**4. July DATCP Report**

The July DATCP report was included in the meeting packets. The August DATCP report was distributed at the meeting.

VOUCHERS**5. Review Vouchers, Purchases, and Procurement Card Charges**

Vouchers, purchases, and procurement card charges were reviewed.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**6. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Regarding Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)**

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

Request for special meeting attendance - No requests.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to Approve Zastrow attending the Golden Sands RC&D Council meetings on July 22. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Special meeting attendance reports - Report given under Committee Representative Reports.

7. Discussion/Possible Action - Appoint Authorized Representative for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Grant

Bradley explained the resolution to appoint an authorized representative is required to submit grant applications to the DNR. Benedict noted a correction in the first whereas, second line - "for the purpose of" was repeated. Benedict will make the correction. A motion was made by Gerry Zastrow, seconded by Matt Jacowski, to Approve appointing Bradley as the authorized representative. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

8. Discussion/Possible Action - Healthy Lakes Cost Share Agreements

Bradley explained the cost share agreements are for native plantings under a Healthy Lakes and Rivers grant received for 2021. Arnold explained the projects. Cost share amounts paid to the landowners are fully reimbursed through the grant. A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to Approve the cost share agreements. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is to be determined. A joint meeting to review the Planning and Zoning Department budget is possible on August 24 at 5:00 p.m.. If not, the meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to Approve adjournment. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Notice: A quorum of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, or any committee thereof, may be present at this meeting.