



PORTAGE COUNTY

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1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 1, 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, Gerry Zastrow, Catherine Guth

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

Attending Online: Mildred Neville

Members Excused: Julie Morrow

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Steve Bradley, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: In-person - County Board Supervisor Ray Reser; Tarion O'Carroll, Tor and Lisa Anderson, Kyle Gordon, Kim Krupka. Online: Chris Holman, County Executive; Jeff Nyquist, DNR Forester; Josh Stoltzenberg, Mark Brueggeman, Jim Walker

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

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 allowed in-person audience members to speak on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 6, 2021 Revised Minutes

Guth noted she voted nay on the motion under agenda item #12. A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes as corrected. Motion to approve the April 6 revised minutes passed by voice vote with no negative votes.

2. May 4, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Zastrow, seconded by Matt Jacowski to approve the May 4, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve passed by voice vote with no negative votes.

REPORTS

3. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. Lakes Management District - Neville
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Zastrow
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) - Zastrow
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP) - B. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate
- e. Portage County Drainage District - M. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate
- f. Mill Creek Watershed - B. Jacowski/Zastrow
- 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 District - Neville - Neville reported on the May 15 McDill Pond meeting. The required City of Stevens Point permits for dredging have been approved. A \$67,000 grant was received. A chemical treatment was to take place on May 27 or June 1 or 2. Neville was unable to attend the Lake Jacqueline spring meeting on May 31, but will report next month. Lake Helen's annual meeting is scheduled for June 5.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Zastrow - Zastrow was unable to attend the May 20 meeting, but reported from the minutes.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) - Zastrow - No report.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP) - B. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - No report.
- e. Portage County Drainage District - M. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - M. Jacowski reported Judge Eagon appointed James Ebben as a Drainage District Commissioner.
- f. Mill Creek Watershed - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - Bradley reported a youth education program was held at the Eron Event Barn.
- g. Little Plover River Workgroup (LPR) - M. Jacowski, Morrow, Zastrow - Bradley said a meeting will take place in the fall.
- h. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - A summer field day is possible.
- i. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate - The next meeting is July 26.

4. Tree Planter Report - Jeff Nyquist, DNR Forester

Nyquist reported on revenues and expenses for 2020 and 2021, the fund balance, and equipment condition. He requested considering revising the rental contract to include a minimum charge for tree planter rental and asked for feedback from the LWCC regarding assessing a fee/deposit when a planter is not returned clean. An item will be included on the July agenda. There was discussion on renting the tree planters to non County residents, with priority given to Portage County residents. Nyquist explained the capabilities of the six tree planters.

5. Video - Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farms Network

Bradley gave background on the Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farms Network. Matt Hintz is participating in Portage County and is also leader for the Farmers for Tomorrow farmer led group. The video was played - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6cUunjD34w>

CORRESPONDENCE

Benedict noted a copy of the 2020 annual reports for the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and National Conservation Foundation (NCF) are available for viewing in the LWCC office or may be accessed online. The June DATCP report was distributed.

VOUCHERS**6. Review Vouchers, Purchases, and Procurement Card Charges**

Vouchers, purchases, and procurement card charges were reviewed.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**7. 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 - A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Gerry Zastrow, to approve attendance for the Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC) meeting on Thursday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. Motion to approve by voice vote,

with no negative votes.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - None presented.

Special meeting attendance reports - No reports.

8. Request to Waive Tree Planter Rental Fee

Jeff Nyquist requested consideration to waive the tree planter rental fee for the Tomorrow River School District to replace trees in their school forest from storm damage that occurred in 2019. Planting is planned for Spring 2022. A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to approve waiving the tree planter rental fee for the Tomorrow River School District to replant the school forest. Motion to approve by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NELSONVILLE GROUNDWATER SITUATION

9. County Executive Memo-Update on Request for Proposal (RFP) Process

County Executive Holman reported RFPs were due today (June 1). He shared the timing for the review process, with results expected to be shared at the July LWCC meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

NOTICES

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