



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, September 7, 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: Mildred Neville, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Catherine Guth

Attending Online: Gerry Zastrow

Members Excused: Julie Morrow

Members Absent: None

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

Others Attending: In person: Taron O'Carroll, Tor & Lisa Anderson; Online: County Executive Chris Holman, Pete Arntsen

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 comments will not be taken from public attending remotely. He stated public comments are limited to three minutes. Taron O'Carroll and Tor Anderson registered to speak.

1. Public Comment is allowed to present water test results for the Village of Nelsonville.

Anderson provided a report on water test results from July. O'Carroll commented test results are not going in a positive direction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. August 3, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Catherine Guth, seconded by Matt Jacowski, to Approve the minutes.

The motion to Approve the minutes Passed by the following vote:

5 Yes: Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski , Gerry Zastrow, Catherine Guth

1 No: Mildred Neville

0 Abstain: None

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 McDill has finalized a dredging project contract. Dredging will begin September 19. The annual meeting is scheduled for October 21. Arnold attended the Lake Jacqueline annual meeting on September 5. Discussion included monthly water quality data collection and the Healthy Lakes and Rivers grant. Arnold reported she has 21 landowners interested in participating with the 2022 Healthy Lakes and Rivers grant, which is limited to 25 projects.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Zastrow - The next meeting is September 16. Zastrow is unable to attend.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) - Zastrow/B. Jacowski-Alternate - The Summer Tour was held August 20. No report was available.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP) - B. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - B. Jacowski reported windbreak and living snow fence installations are complete and survival rates are good.
- e. Portage County Drainage District - M. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - M. Jacowski reported the ditches held up well through recent heavy rains.
- f. Mill Creek Watershed - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - No report.
- g. Little Plover River Workgroup (LPR) - M. Jacowski, Morrow, Zastrow - Bradley reported a meeting may be held in October.
- h. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - No report.
- i. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate - Zastrow attended the August 23 meeting. He reported on the counties' activities. McNelly provided information on the researcher hired. She will be invited to a future meeting. PFAS will be placed on the next LWCC agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

VOUCHERS

- 4. Review Vouchers, Purchases, and Procurement Card Charges

Vouchers, purchases, and procurement card charges were reviewed.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- 5. 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 - Zastrow and Neville will present forms at the next meeting.
- Special meeting attendance reports - Reports given under Committee Representative Reports.

- 6. Discussion/Possible Action - 2021 Budget Projections/2022 Proposed Budget

Bradley explained no county levy is used for the CWWP budget. Bradley said the CWWP Advisory Committee will meet in fall to discuss a possible increase in fees. Under the LWCD budget, the SWRM staff/support grant allocation increased nearly \$20,000. Bradley stated the additional funds will be directed toward a culvert survey and digital elevation modeling project, the Fox-Wolf Demonstration Project, and the vehicle replacement fund.

NELSONVILLE GROUNDWATER SITUATION

- 7. Report from County Executive Regarding Request For Proposal (RFP)

County Executive Holman reported the scope of work and contract with REI have been finalized. McNelly and Bradley summarized what has taken place in their meetings with REI thus far. Bradley estimated REI may present a first draft by the November LWCC meeting. Executive Holman will ask Procurement Director, Chris Schultz, whether the RFP and contract can be provided to LWCC members.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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