



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, October 5, 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 7:04 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, Patty Benedict. Online - Tracy Arnold

Others Attending: In person - Tor & Lisa Anderson, Tarion O'Carroll, Kim Krupka, Kyle Gordon, Cassie Taylor, Kaylie Hanaker. Online - 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. Tor Anderson and Tarion O'Carroll registered to speak and provided comments regarding the Nelsonville Groundwater Situation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 7, 2021 Minutes

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

REPORTS

2. 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 on nitrate and phosphorus issues for Lake Helen, Lake Jacqueline, and Collins Lake.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Zastrow - No report.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) - Zastrow/B. Jacowski-Alternate - No report.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership - B. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - The next meeting is scheduled for October 27.
- e. Portage County Drainage District - M. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - M. Jacowski commented on the correspondence submitted by Justin Isherwood. The annual meeting date has not been set yet.
- f. Mill Creed Watershed - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - No report.
- g. Little Plover River Workgroup (LPR) - M. Jacowski, Morrow, Zastrow - Bradley noted the Workgroup will no longer hold meetings. It has morphed into the Little Plover River Watershed Enhancement Program Project, led by the Village of Plover. Meetings will be posted on the Village of Plover website. Bradley will participate on behalf of the County. It was suggested to include a representative from the Highway Department.
- h. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - No report.
- i. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate - Zastrow reported on the September 20 meeting. The NR151 draft is out for public comment. Counties reported their activities. Dr. Carla Romano, hired to collect data and information, was introduced. The website should be live soon. Each county will have a page on their website. A PowerPoint presentation will be available to provide educational information. The next meeting is scheduled for October.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 3. Lisa Anderson Email - August 4, 2021
Mildred Neville Letter to Chair Barry Jacowski - September 3, 2021
Justin Isherwood Letter to Land and Water Conservation Committee - September 19, 2021
October DATCP Report

There were comments and discussion on the presented correspondence. Bradley noted DATCP's Groundwater Quality Report is available on their website and will provide the link to members via email.

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 - Neville will be attending upcoming Lake District meetings.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to approve meetings attended by Gerry Zastrow. The motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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

- 6. Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Presentation

McNelly gave a presentation and shared a video featuring Dr. Sarah Yang (Groundwater Toxicologist, Wisconsin Department of Health Services) regarding PFAS.

- 7. Discussion/Possible Action - Chemical Control Concerns of Terrestrial Invasive Species

Bradley stated John Eron, Weed Commissioner, requested this item, but was unable to attend. The item may appear on next month's agenda if necessary.

- 8. Discussion/Possible Action - Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. 2022 - To Provide Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention and Citizen Lake Monitoring

Network Services

A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Gerry Zastrow, to approve the agreement as presented. Motion to approve the agreement as presented carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

9. Discussion/Possible Action - Support for Senate Bill 346 and Assembly Bill 343

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

NELSONVILLE GROUNDWATER SITUATION

10. Update on Work Plan

McNelly reported she and an REI representative toured the Village of Nelsonville and she provided information on boundaries and previous testing. REI is working with the Portage County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staff on mapping and data transfer. McNelly will request a timeline from REI.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gerry Zastrow, seconded by Matt Jacowski, to Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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.