



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, November 2, 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: Catherine Guth, Barry Jacowski, Matt Jacowski, Mildred Neville, Gerry Zastrow

Attending Online: Julie Morrow

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: In-person: Steve Bradley and Patty Benedict

Others Attending: In-person: Ray Reser, District 25 Supervisor; Tor Anderson, Pam Regan. Online: Wyatt Puent, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Damage Program

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 registered to speak regarding the Update on REI Engineering.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 5, 2021 Minutes

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

The motion to Approve Passed by the following vote:

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

1 No: Mildred Neville

0 Abstain: None

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. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate
- h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate

a. Lakes Management Districts - Neville - Neville reported a survey was sent to 112 property owners, with 13 responding. Eleven owners indicated they do not use fertilizer, and two owners said they will reduce fertilizer use. A culvert that drains into Lake Helen from adjacent wetlands may be contributing to water quality issues. They plan to look for funding to take samples after storm events. Weed harvesting is complete on Lake Jacqueline. They would like to revise their permit to allow additional cutting in the center of the lake. Discussion will continue at their January meeting regarding what to do about sediment filling in around the boat launch. All Lake Management Plans are planned for update in 2022.

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 (CWWP) - B. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - B. Jacowski reported fees will be increased due to rising material and labor costs. Bradley is looking into the possibility of applying for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds due to limitations in the ability to market windbreaks because of COVID restrictions. Accomplishments for 2021 and the proposed 2022 Plan of Work were reviewed.

e. Portage County Drainage District - M. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - No report.

f. Mill Creek Watershed - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - B. Jacowski reported a field day is planned for late November/early December.

g. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - B. Jacowski reported possible harvest field days coming up.

h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate - Zastrow reported Representative Katrina Shankland provided an update on groundwater legislative bills and Dr. Carla Romano provided an update on data collection and compilation efforts. County updates were given. Meetings will be monthly going forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

3. Minnesota Projects to Protect Drinking Water with Kernza Perennial Grain

Supervisor Reser was asked to share any new information he finds.

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 - A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth to approve attendance of special meetings as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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

6. Discussion/Possible Action - Wildlife Damage Program Crop Prices

Proposed prices were increased for: organic alfalfa from \$230 to \$250, field corn from \$4.69/bushel to \$5.25/bushel, and organic field corn from \$9.06/bushel to \$10.25/bushel. A motion was made by Catherine Guth, seconded by Matt Jacowski, to approve crop prices as revised. Motion to approve crop prices as revised carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to approve December 1, 2021 as the 90% harvest date. Motion to approve December 1, 2021 as the 90% harvest date carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. Discussion/Possible Action - Wildlife Damage Program Venison Donation Program - 2022 Agreement to Participate

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

8. Discussion/Possible Action - 2022 Wildlife Damage Program Budget

A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to approve as presented. Motion to approve as presented carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

9. Discussion/Possible Action - Cost Share Contact

A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to approve cost share with Dillon Zdroik. Motion to approve cost share with Dillon Zdroik carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NELSONVILLE GROUNDWATER SITUATION

10. Update on REI Engineering

Bradley reported REI indicated their information is too preliminary to share at this time, but should be able to provide a report for the December LWCC meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7 at 5:00 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 7:53 p.m.

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