



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

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

Attending In-Person: Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Julie Morrow, Catherine Guth

Attending Online: Mildred Neville, Gerry Zastrow

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

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

Others Attending: In-Person: Tor Anderson, Tarion O'Carroll, Scott and Cade Stankowski. Remote: Pete Arntsen, Kim Krupka

CONSERVATION AWARENESS CONTESTS

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 on the Nelsonville Groundwater Situation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 7, 2021 Minutes

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

2. Speaking Contest

Cade Stankowski performed his speech, "The Cost of Chemicals". A panel of three judges were excused to evaluate the speech and returned later in the meeting to provide comments. Cade advances to the North Central Area contest to be held virtually on January 28.

3. Announce Poster Contest Winners

Benedict directed attention to the display of all posters submitted. The program lists the names of the first, second, and third place winners in the five divisions. First place posters advance to the Area contest on January 28.

REPORTS

4. 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 - No report.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Zastrow - No report.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) - Zastrow/B. Jacowski-Alternate - The next meeting includes the Area Poster and Speaking Contests to be held virtually on January 28.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership - 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 - The Annual Meeting date is to be determined.
- g. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski-Zastrow-Alternate - A field day was held on December 8 at the Eron Event Barn. Arnold reported the tour included sites featuring various seeding and tillage practices explained by Auburndale students. A presentation was given by the Petenwell Arrowhead, Castle Rock Stewards (PACRS) group.
- h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate - Zastrow reported on the meeting held earlier in the day. A legislative update was given by Representative Katrina Shankland regarding water related bills, SB 677 and 678. Zastrow shared county updates. A grant update was given by Dr. Carla Romano. Zastrow will share access to a PowerPoint presentation given by Lynn Markham regarding nitrate control when it becomes available. The next meeting is virtual in three weeks.

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 - None.

Special meeting attendance reports - Reports given under Committee Representative Reports

6. Discussion/Possible Action - Wildlife Damage Program Claims

Benedict reported Wyatt Puent, Wildlife Specialist, was unable to get all of the necessary signatures. The claims will be presented at the February meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE**7. Wolf Control Resolution Update**

An action item will be placed on the February agenda.

8. Nelsonville Groundwater Situation: Staff Update - REI Engineering

Bradley and McNelly reviewed a draft of the work plan, met with REI representatives and provided comments and recommendations for revisions. He said the comments mainly related to well placement and requested tiered cost estimates. Bradley believes REI will be prepared to present a revised draft at the February meeting. The LWCC can provide feedback and REI will incorporate it into a final draft to be approved by the Committee. The Committee requested to have the draft provided at least a week prior to the meeting.

9. WI Land+Water Correspondence

Included in the packets, the correspondence highlights 2021 activities and accomplishments.

VOUCHERS**10. Review Vouchers, Purchases and Procurement Card Charges**

Vouchers included in packets were reviewed. December vouchers will be presented at the February meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Catherine Guth, seconded by Julie Morrow, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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