



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, February 1, 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 7:00 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, Julie Morrow, Gerry Zastrow, Catherine Guth

Attending Online: None

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: In-Person: Tim Reed, Planning & Zoning Director; Steve Bradley, Jen McNelly, Patty Benedict.

Others Attending: In-Person: Dave Larsen and Ken Lassa, REI Engineering; Taron O'Carroll, Josh Stolzenburg, Tor Anderson, Pete Arntsen, Todd Stiteley, George Kraft, Mark & Lois Brueggeman, John Bohannon, Jim McKnight, Ray Reser, District 25 Supervisor.

Remote: Chris Holman, County Executive; Wyatt Puent, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services; Vinnie Miresse, District 1 Supervisor; Elaine and Gary Anderson, Bobby Bailey, Amberle Schwartz, Lisa Anderson, Kim Krupka, Kim Bremmer.

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, Tor Anderson, George Kraft, Pete Arntsen, Jim McKnight and Todd Stiteley registered to speak.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Discussion/Possible Action - REI Engineering Groundwater Testing Work Plan - Nitrate Impacted Groundwater, Village of Nelsonville

McNelly stated the work plan provided by REI Engineering is a draft presented for discussion at this meeting. She noted the work plan is a template/framework and does not dictate specific actions the County can take going forward. Dave Larsen and Ken Lassa, REI Engineering, introduced themselves, provided background on the work plan process, and welcomed comments and feedback. Public comments were taken from O'Carroll, Kraft, Anderson, Walker, Reser, Arntsen, McKnight, and Stiteley. A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Julie Morrow for REI to go back and work with the plan with the input received tonight and **include send** information from the technical memo provided by GZA. **The GZA memo had not been seen by LWCC members at this time.** The motion passed by the following vote: 6 Yes: Mildred Neville, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Julie Morrow, Gerry Zastrow, Catherine Guth; 0 No: None; 0 Abstain: None (Bold print based on amendments made during Approve February 1, 2022 Minutes agenda item at the March 1, 2022 LWCC meeting.)

2. Discussion/Possible Action - Wildlife Damage Program Claims

A motion was made by Gerry Zastrow, seconded by Matt Jacowski, to Approve. The motion to Approve Passed by the following vote: 6 Yes: Mildred Neville, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Julie Morrow, Gerry Zastrow, Catherine Guth; 0 No: None; 0 Abstain: None

3. Discussion/Possible Action - Wolf Population Resolution

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Matt Jacowski, to reaffirm support of the wolf population resolution. The motion to reaffirm support of the wolf population resolution passed by the following vote: 6 Yes: Mildred Neville, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Julie Morrow, Gerry Zastrow, Catherine Guth; 0 No: None; 0 Abstain: None.

4. 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 were made. Contact B. Jacowski if any meetings come up.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Matt Jacowski to approve special meeting attendance requests for Gerry Zastrow. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Special meeting attendance reports - Zastrow reported on the January 20 Golden Sands RC&D Personnel/Finance and Business/Executive Committee meetings. He summarized the treasurer's report. Updates were provided on groundwater legislation by Rep. Shankland, planning for the 50th anniversary celebration, support for the wild parsnip bill, committee reports and new projects. He reported on the January 28 virtual North Central Land and Water Conservation Association meeting. Election of officers took place. The President's position remains open. In the Area poster contest, Portage County artists took 3rd in the K-1 division and first in the other four divisions. Cade Stankowski took first place in the Senior Division speaking contest. Zastrow virtually attended the January 4 and January 24 Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition meetings. County updates took place. Lynn Markham presented Zoning as a Tool to Protect Groundwater. Updates were given by Dr. Carla Romano on data collection efforts, Rep. Shankland on legislative bills, and McNelly on the Communication and Outreach Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. Approve January 4, 2022 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.

REPORTS

6. 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 - Bradley reported a Healthy Lakes and Rivers grant was awarded.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Zastrow - Report given under Special Meeting Attendance Reports.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) - Zastrow/B. Jacowski-Alternate -Report given under Special Meeting Attendance Reports. Benedict noted the WI Land+Water Annual Conference will be held virtually March 2-4. Anyone interested in attending, contact Benedict to be registered.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP) - 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 has not been scheduled due to COVID.
- g. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - No report.
- h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate - Report given under Special Meeting Attendance Reports.

CORRESPONDENCE

McNelly announced a nitrate screening event is scheduled for February 26 at the Town of Amherst. Samples are welcome from anywhere in the County.

7. January DATCP Report

The February DATCP was distributed.

8. Upper Fox-Wolf 2021 Report

The report is included in the online packet. Benedict offered to provide a hard copy to anyone wanting one.

VOUCHERS

9. Review Vouchers, Purchases and Procurement Card Charges

Vouchers, purchases and procurement card charges were reviewed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Catherine Guth, seconded by Gerry Zastrow, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Notice: Any person who has special needs and plans on attending this meeting in-person or remotely should contact the Facilities Office at 715-346-1598 as soon as possible to ensure that reasonable accommodations can be made.

Notice: A quorum of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, or any committee thereof, may be present at this meeting.