



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, March 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 5:00 p.m.

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

Attending In-Person: Mildred Neville, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Julie Morrow, Gerry Zastrow

Attending Online: None

Members Excused: Catherine Guth

Members Absent: None

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

Others Attending: Taron O'Carroll, Tor Anderson, Lois & Mark Brueggeman, Kyle Gordon, Kim Krupka, Todd Stitely, John Pavelski.

Remote: Chris Hamerla, Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development; Jennifer Jossie, 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. Tor Anderson registered to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve February 1, 2022 Minutes

Under agenda item #1, Neville requested amending the minutes to reflect that the information from GZA has not been seen by LWCC members. It was proposed to reword the motion changing "...include information..." to "...send information..." A motion was made by Julie Morrow, seconded by Matt Jacowski, to Amend minutes. Motion to Amend minutes carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Zastrow asked whether the attached Limitations document was provided to REI. McNelly will send if it has not already been sent. A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Julie Morrow, to Approve amended minutes. Motion to Approve amended minutes carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

REPORTS

2. Nelsonville Well Statistic Report-January 7, 2022

Tor Anderson provided a summary of the Well Statistic Report. Comments were given by Gerry Zastrow, Mildred Neville, Kyle Gordon, and Lisa Anderson.

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. 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 - No report.
 - d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership - B. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - A meeting will be scheduled in early April.
 - e. Portage County Drainage District - M. Jacowski/Morrow-Alternate - M. Jacowski reported Drainage District Commissioner interviews will take place next week.
 - f. Mill Creek Watershed - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - The annual meeting is scheduled for March 28 beginning at 6:00 p.m. (NOTE: The meeting date was subsequently changed to March 29.)
 - g. Farmer Led Councils - B. Jacowski/Zastrow-Alternate - No report.
 - h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Zastrow/M. Jacowski-Alternate - Zastrow reported on the February 28 meeting. Lisa Anderson gave a presentation on Nelsonville water issues. An update was given on Senate bills 677 and 678. Grant deliverables and goals were shared as well as communication team activities. Dr. Romano is collecting well and septic system data, verifying locations, and working on gap analysis. She has upcoming meetings with the American Water Resources Association and the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association Water Task Force. March 6-12 is Groundwater Awareness Week. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28.

PRESENTATION

4. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Chris Hamerla, Regional Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator, provided AIS updates. This program is funded annually through noncompetitive DNR grants under the Lake Monitoring and Protection Network (LMPN). Competitive grants remain available for AIS management, control, or to write lake management or aquatic plant management plans. Hamerla met with LWCD staff to determine Portage County's needs and share how he could assist. He, Arnold, and McNelly are developing Portage County Lakes Association presentations to encourage lake residents to work on AIS and other lake issues. He is looking for volunteers to raise beetles as a biocontrol method to manage purple loosestrife. He is also working with: Lake Helen on Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and zebra mussels; Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) on training workshops and removal of EWM at Sunset Lake; Lake Emily on flowering rush population and training residents on removal. He reported a small population of giant hogweed is being actively managed near Polonia. Boat landing checks will take place later in the spring to make sure there is AIS signage. Weekly social media posts on various invasive species have been developed and will be posted throughout the year. A pet surrender event is planned for August. Various pets that are no longer wanted can be surrendered and homes will be found. Hamerla stated he is developing partnerships with the Parks Department and lake residents to help with AIS identification and removal. He will provide monthly activity summaries to Bradley and will appear at LWCC meetings upon request.

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. Contact B. Jacowski if any meetings come up.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - Special meeting approvals were given for Zastrow attending a Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative meeting and Neville attending Lake Helen and Lake Jacqueline District meetings. A motion was made by Gerry Zastrow, seconded by Julie Morrow to approve. The motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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

6. Discussion/Possible Action - Land and Water Conservation Board Elections

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Julie Morrow, to appoint Steve Bradley as designee to submit the ballot. Motion to appoint Steve Bradley as designee to submit the ballot carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Julie Morrow, to cast votes for Rebecca Clark, Monte Osterman, and Russel Rinsig. The motion to cast votes for Rebecca Clark, Monte Osterman, and Russel Rinsig passed by the following vote:

4 Yes: Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski , Julie Morrow, Gerry Zastrow

0 No: None

1 Abstain: Mildred Neville

CORRESPONDENCE

7. Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC) Recommendations

Discussions took place on the list of potential actions to address nitrate contamination provided by the Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC).

8. GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. Technical Memorandum

McNelly forwarded the GZA Technical Memorandum to REI as requested. She will verify the Limitations attachment was included.

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, April 5 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matt Jacowski, seconded by Mildred Neville, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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