

MINUTES
Stevens Point Urban Area Sewer Service Advisory Committee
March 29, 2022

Municipality	Primary Member	Present	Alternate Member	Present	Technical Staff / Others Present
City of Stevens Point	Mike Wiza		Joel Lemke	X	Ryan Kernosky
Village of Park Ridge	Steve Menzel	X	Paul McGinley		
Village of Plover	Steve Kunst	X	Dan Ault		
Village of Whiting	Kevin Lutz		Jake Wilcox	X	
Town of Hull	Dave Wilz	X	Jan Way	X	
Town of Linwood	Howard Krieski		Vacant		
Town of Plover	Jim Garbe	X	Deb Sniadajewski	X	
Town of Stockton	Mike Bronk		Jeanne Dodge		

North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission Staff Present: Darryl Landeau

Others Present:

Staff Present: Tim Reed, Kristen Johnson, and Amy Heins, Portage County Planning and Zoning Department

1. Call to Order

Landeau called the meeting of the Stevens Point Urban Area Sewer Service Advisory (SSA) Committee to order at 2:05 pm in Conference Room 5 of the County Annex.

2. 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

No members of the public were present.

3. Introductions

Those present (see chart above) introduced themselves, noting the municipality they represent and position within that municipality.

4. Nomination and Election of Officers

Landeau asked for nominations for SSA Committee Chair:

- Sniadajewski nominated Kunst.

Hearing no further nominations, Landeau called for a motion. Sniadajewski moved to elect Kunst as Chair; seconded by Wilz. Motion passed by voice vote.

Kunst asked for nominations for SSA Committee Vice-Chair:

- Kunst nominated Lemke.

Hearing no further nominations, Kunst called for a motion. Kunst moved to elect Lemke as Vice-Chair; seconded by Wilz. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Review/Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2022

Kernosky referenced item #7, second paragraph, and stated the director and municipalities were mixed up and it should read "Kernosky stated the focus of the City of Stevens Point will be infill of higher density redevelopment, i.e.: downtown area. There is a challenge with annexation and sewer/water, and they are working with the Town of Hull." Kunst replied that is how he remembered it as well.

Lemke moved to approve as amended. Motion was seconded by Menzel; which passed by voice vote.

6. Review of Advisory Committee Vote Allocation within Bylaws

Kunst noted for the record that the Bylaws have been reviewed and stand as is.

7. Discuss Planning Area Population and Growth Projections

Kunst stated the DNR requires the use of DOA numbers, and they are not consistent over 40 years which causes challenges with population projections for the Village of Plover. Kunst asked to follow up with the DOA just to verify and see if they would be willing to look at other methods if necessary. Landeau stated there are tricks/solutions like adding acreage for a buffer. Kernosky noted that the County's population from 2010 to 2020 was quite stagnant, very small increase, and it is not worth arguing since the DNR/DOA requires the use of their numbers. Landeau replied that is correct, Marshfield tried, and it did not get them anywhere.

Lemke asked for an explanation of market factor. Landeau replied this accounts for a buffer to allow for market trends and choices. Owners may not be willing to offer up land for sewer service development/growth and this provides a buffer of additional land to allow for that market variability. Lemke asked who comes up with the market factor acreage. Landeau replied the community does, and the DNR approves the factor by 1, 2, and occasionally 3.

Kunst stated that Town of Plover has commercial land served by Village of Plover sewer and asked if this needs to be addressed in the plan. Landeau replied he would look into and work it into the plan.

Kernosky asked if the market factor area should be reduced so that the SSA Committee would have to review proposed sewer developments on the fringe? Landeau replied most communities make the boundaries larger to prevent that issue. Kunst stated he wanted to continue as is otherwise it unnecessarily instills a group of this caliber to politicize development projects. The goal is to let the community run themselves. Kernosky disagreed and stated realistically we are not going to get anywhere near some of these boundaries by 2042 and suggested tightening it up. Landeau reminded the Committee that the goal of this plan is to protect the water quality by preventing development in environmentally sensitive areas. Kernosky stated the 2007 map does not reflect that, most of the City's wellhead protection areas are in the Town of Hull and there is limited Town of Hull land included in this sewer service plan. Landeau agreed and stated he would be looking into it. This is required by the Clean Water Act and the DNR is implementing it.

Landeau asked members to review the draft map for inaccuracies (developed versus not developed). Lemke asked if there was room for a designation for undevelopable land. Landeau replied yes, just let him know the specific areas.

Sniadajewski stated much of the property south on Highway 54 is marked developed, but it is agricultural farm fields and perhaps it was marked developed due to improvements to irrigation systems. Landeau replied that is very possible and the type of mistake that needs to be identified.

8. Review Environmentally Sensitive Area Designations

Reviewed maps. Lemke questioned park land and the addition of lodges/pavilions. Landeau replied that should already be included as development; therefore, it would not impact the future development allocation.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next SSA Committee meeting date is tentatively set for May 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in conference room 5.

10. Adjournment

Wilz moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lemke. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Heins
Recording Secretary