



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 1, 2022

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 7:48 p.m. (The late start was due to the County Board meeting running long.)

Members Present: Barry Jacowski, Catherine Guth, Mike A. Olson, Lionel Weaver, David Peterson, Mike Splinter

Attending In-Person: All

Attending Online: None

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Steve Bradley, Jen McNelly, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: In-person - County Executive John Pavelski, Tarion O'Carroll, George Kraft, Tor Anderson, Kyle Gordon, Kim Krupka, Mildred Neville, Todd Stitely, Jeff Dombrowski

Attending Remotely - JP, Kirstie Heidenreich, Kirk Langfoss, Lisa Anderson, Andrea Topper, Dave Mangen

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.

Tarion O'Carroll, George Kraft, Tor Anderson, Kyle Gordon, Kim Krupka and Mildred Neville registered to speak on various agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 4, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Mike A. Olson, seconded by Mike Splinter, to approve. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

REPORTS

2. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
 - a. Lakes Management Districts-Peterson
 - b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Bradley
 - c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-B.Jacowski
 - d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP)-B.Jacowski
 - e. Portage County Drainage District-Splinter/Guth-Alternate
 - f. Mill Creek Watershed-Splinter

- g. Farmer Led Councils-Guth
- h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Weaver

- a. Lakes Management Districts - Peterson - No report.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) - Bradley - No report.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA) - B. Jacowski - No report.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership - B. Jacowski - The next meeting is November 3. Shannon Rohde, CWWP Project Coordinator, explained the CWWP program and provided an update. He stated 12.5 miles of windbreaks and living snow fences were installed in 2022 working with private landowners, highway departments and the Department of Transportation. He will begin concentrating on sales and ordering tree and shrub stock over the winter months.
- e. Portage County Drainage District - Splinter/Guth-Alternate - Splinter attended a meeting on October 13. Discussions took place on the Isherwood Lateral, the annual inspection, and budget for maintenance. Guth stated the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee conducted interviews and will make a recommendation to the judge, who will appoint a commissioner.
- f. Mill Creek Watershed - Splinter - No report.
- g. Farmer Led Councils - Guth - No report.
- h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC) - Weaver - No report.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Discussion/Possible Action - Join Central Wisconsin Nutrient Management Consortium

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to join the Central Wisconsin Nutrient Management Planning Consortium. Motion to join the Central Wisconsin Nutrient Management Planning Consortium carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

4. Discussion/Possible Action - Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee (GCAC) List of Action Items/Recommendations

Bradley referred to the memo with the list of recommendations, pointing out most of them have an educational component and would need involvement from UW-Extension. Barry Jacowski indicated the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will discuss at their next meeting. McNelly added that items on the list in blue print will be incorporated as action items in the Land and Water Resource Management Plan and the Groundwater Management Plan. The memo containing GCAC's prioritized list was reviewed with discussion on what is currently being done and options for implementing the recommendations. A motion was made by Mike A. Olson, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to direct staff to create an action plan for recommendations presented at this meeting. Motion to direct staff to create an action plan for recommendations presented at this meeting carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

5. Discussion/Possible Action - Village of Nelsonville Water Testing Proposal

McNelly reviewed the memo included in meeting packets. Public comments were taken from George Kraft, Kyle Gordon, and Tarion O'Carroll. A motion was made by Mike Splinter, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to proceed with the \$12,450 estimate, bring a budget amendment to the next LWCC meeting for approval, forward to the Finance Committee, then County Board. Motion to proceed with the \$12,450 estimate, bring a budget amendment to the next LWCC meeting for approval, forward to the Finance Committee, then County Board carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

6. Discussion/Possible Action - Transfer Unused Cost Share Funds to Jackson County

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Mike A. Olson, to approve the cost share funds transfer to Jackson County. Motion to approve the cost share funds transfer to Jackson County carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. 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 - None.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth to approve Mike Splinter's special meeting request.

Special meeting attendance reports - Splinter's report was given under Committee Representative Reports.

CORRESPONDENCE

8. George Kraft Memo - Nelsonville Resampling

9. Tor Anderson Correspondence - Nelsonville Quarterly Well Monitoring Program
10. Lisa Anderson Email - Nelsonville Water Issues
11. Nelsonville Quarterly Testing Results

VOUCHERS

12. 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, December 6 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mike Splinter, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

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