



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 7, 2023

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 7:06 pm in Conference Room 5, CountyAnnex. (Audio/video issues in Conference Rooms 1&2 caused the meeting to be moved.)

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

Attending In-Person: Barry Jacowski, Mike A. Olson, Lionel Weaver, David Peterson, Mike Splinter

Attending Online: Catherine Guth

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

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

Others Attending: In-person - Jeffry Giese, Tarion O'Carroll, Robert M. Landerman, Ray Reser, Connor McKenzie, John Bertelson Jr.,

Jeff Dombrowski, Tor Anderson, David Ogden, Mildred Neville, District 10 Supervisor Bob Gifford

Attending remotely - Lisa Anderson, JW, Lane Ruhland, Jason Mugnaini, Jim McKnight

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.

The following in-person attendees spoke: Jeffry Giese, Tarion O'Carroll, Robert Landerman, Ray Reser, Bob Gifford, Connor McKenzie, Tor Anderson, David Ogden, Mildred Neville

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of January 3, 2023 Minutes

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the Winnebago Waterways 2023 Farmer Roundtable flyer was distributed. Bradley reported he received a phone call from Dan Baumann, DNR, regarding possible misinformation about the State well compensation program. Baumann indicated there are funds available. A DNR representative will be invited to the next meeting.

2. Discussion - Identify Submitter for Correspondence Items

The submitter for any correspondence to be included in packets will be identified on the agenda.

3. USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services Email - New Wildlife Damage Specialist (Provided by Charles Lovell, Wildlife Services District Supervisor)

Maddy Pfaff replaces Wyatt Puent as the USDA-APHIS Wildlife Damage Specialist.

4. January 2023 DATCP Report

The February DATCP report was distributed.

5. Farm Succession Workshops (Provided by DATCP)**VOUCHERS****6. Review Vouchers, Purchases, and Procurement Card Charges**

Vouchers, purchases, and procurement card charges were reviewed.

REPORTS**7. 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 - Bradley reported on the January 19 meeting. A request was made to have a representative in addition to Bradley from Portage County on the Board as each county should have two. Bradley noted the meetings are held during the workday. If interested, let Bradley or Benedict know. Other topics included: hiring an NRCS staff person, fencing installations for Stevens Point area gardens, a winter microbial workshop was held, they will have a booth at the GrassWorks conference, renewals are taking place for Clean Boats/Clean Waters summer watercraft inspector positions, completing grant reporting, ongoing planning for purple loosestrife biocontrol, County reports were given, and a grant was received to provide wildlife lessons for fifth graders.

c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-B. Jacowski - Benedict reported that Portage County's four entries in the poster contest advanced to the State contest as well as speaker, Katelyn McNelly.

d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP)-B. Jacowski - No report.

e. Portage County Drainage District-Splinter/Guth-Alternate - No report.

f. Mill Creek Watershed-Splinter - Splinter reported the Friends of Mill Creek, Farmers of the Mill Creek Watershed Council, and Izaak Walton League are doing broader testing on chlorides and other chemicals in Mill Creek. Splinter will request a presentation for the LWCC when results are available.

g. Farmer Led Councils-Guth - Guth reported the Farmers for Tomorrow held a meeting on February 6 featuring guest speaker, Dave Brandt, who presented on no till and cover crops. Peterson also attended.

h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Weaver - McNelly reported the presentation for the CSGCC study will take place on April 6 in Waushara County. The presentation will be recorded and posted on County websites.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**8. 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 - McNelly announced Kevin Masarik is presenting results from the countywide water quality sampling done in June at the Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm, should members be interested in attending.

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

Special meeting attendance reports - Reports were given previously in the meeting.

9. Discussion/Possible Action - Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population Goal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Mike A. Olson, to postpone until more information/input is received from specialists in the field. Motion to postpone until more information/input is received from specialists in the field carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. A DNR wildlife biologist and a representative from the Conservation Congress Wolf Committee will be invited to provide information at the next meeting.

10. Discussion/Possible Action - Authorization for 2023 Contract Over \$100,000 With Cascade Environmental

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

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

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Lionel Weaver, to table until the April LWCC meeting. Motion to table until the April LWCC meeting carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. A request will be made for additional information and clarification from Corporation Counsel.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm in Conference Rooms 1 and 2.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Mike A. Olson, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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.