



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 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Attending In-Person: Barry Jacowski, David Peterson, Mike Splinter

Attending Online: Catherine Guth, Mike A. Olson, Lionel Weaver

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Jen McNelly, Steve Bradley, Tracy Arnold, Dan O'Connell, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: In-person - Scott McAcle, Laurie Groskopf, John Eron, Ray Reser, Mike Nicholson, Al Lobner, Jerry Knuth, Adam Scheuneman, Larry Lee, John Bertelson Jr., Leroy Miller, Mark Brueggeman, Pete Arntsen, Jeffry Giese, Todd Stiteley, Mike Pechinski, Robert Landerman, Mildred Neville

Attending Remotely: Dave Ladick, James Walker, Adam Voskuil, Kim Krupka, DNR Staff - Emily Mitchell, Terence Kafka, Martin Nessman, Sandra Chancellor, Randy Johnson, Andrew Craig

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 registered to speak: Scott McAcle, Laurie Groskopf, John Eron, Ray Reser, Al Lobner, Jerry Knuth, Larry Lee, John Bertelson Jr., Leroy Miller, Mark Brueggeman, Pete Arntsen, Jeffry Giese, Todd Stiteley, Mike Pechinski, Robert Landerman, Mildred Neville

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of February 7, 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

2. Golden Sands RC&D January/February AIS Highlights - Colton Wolosek, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator

Included in meeting packets.

3. March DATCP Report -Colleen Fallat, DATCP Agency Liaison

Included in meeting packets.

VOUCHERS

4. Review Vouchers, Purchases, and Procurement Card Charges

Vouchers, purchases, and procurement card charges were reviewed.

REPORTS**5. Presentation - DNR Well Compensation Program - WI DNR Staff**

DNR staff provided a presentation on the Well Compensation Program, including funding limits, eligibility requirements, and the process to apply for a grant.

6. Update on the Nelsonville Monitoring Wells - Jen McNelly

McNelly reported the funding has been approved. The contract with the well driller is approved and will be signed when the well access easement agreement is finalized. She anticipates well installations will take place around the end of April. A map with final well locations will be provided at the next meeting.

7. County Wide Well Water Quality Study Report - Jen McNelly

The report is included in meeting packets. A presentation will be given at a future County Board meeting.

8. Presentation - Non Metallic Mine - Tracy Arnold

Tracy Arnold provided a presentation on the county's nonmetallic mine program. Staff will be reviewing the Portage County's Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance and make recommendations for revisions in the upcoming months.

9. 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 - Arnold reported on Lake Management Plan activities for McDill Pond, Lake Helen, and Lake Jacqueline.

b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Bradley - No report.

c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-B. Jacowski - Benedict announced the results of the State poster and speaking contests. Of the four posters from Portage County, one took second place and one took first place and advances to the National contest in February 2024. Katelyn McNelly took first place in the Junior Division in the speaking contest and performed her speech at the WI Land+Water Conservation Association Annual Conference opening lunch.

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

e. Portage County Drainage District-Splinter/Guth-Alternate - Guth reported Paul Cieslewicz has been appointed as a Drainage District Commissioner.

f. Mill Creek Watershed-Splinter - Arnold reported water samples analyzed by the lab confirmed high levels of chlorides. The DNR has been made aware of the results.

g. Farmer Led Councils-Guth - No report.

h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (CSGCC)-Weaver - No report.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**12. Discussion/Possible Action - Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population Goal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan**

Item #12 was moved up in the agenda. Randy Johnson, DNR Wildlife Management Large Carnivore Specialist, provided an overview and steps going forward for the proposed Wolf Management Plan. Public comment was given by Scott McAcle, Jeffry Giese, Ray Reser, Al Lobner, Laurie Groskopf, Jerry Knuth, Leroy Miller, Mike Pechinski, Bob Landerman. A motion was made by Mike Splinter, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to approve the resolution as presented and forward to the County Board for further discussion. The motion to approve the resolution as presented and forward to the County Board for further discussion Passed by the following vote:

4 Yes: Barry Jacowski, Catherine Guth, David Peterson, Mike Splinter

2 No: Mike A. Olson, Lionel Weaver

0 Abstain: None

10. Discussion/Possible Action - Resolution to Reappoint John Eron as Portage County Weed Commissioner for 2023-2024.

Public comment was provided by Ray Reser, Larry Lee, Pete Arntsen, John Eron. 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.

11. Discussion/Possible Action - Nelsonville 9-Key Element Plan

Public comment was provided by Mildred Neville. Information will be provided for next month's meeting and a request for Committee approval to move forward with drafting a 9-Key Element Plan for the Nelsonville subwatershed.

13. 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.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - A motion was made by Splinter, seconded by B. Jacowski to approve special meeting attendance for Peterson and B. Jacowski attending the WI Land+Water Conservation Association Annual Conference. The motion to approve special meeting attendance passed by the following vote:

5 Yes: B. Jacowski, David Peterson, Mike Splinter, Mike A. Olson, Catherine Guth

1 No: Lionel Weaver

0 Abstain: None

Special meeting reports - Peterson and B. Jacowski will provide reports on the WI Land+Water Annual Conference at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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 9:30 p.m.

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