



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, May 9, 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, Mike Splinter, David Peterson

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

Attending Online: Mike A. Olson

Members Excused: Lionel Weaver

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Steve Bradley, Patty Benedict

Others Attending: In-person: Roy Diver, USDA-NRCS; Ray Reser, Tarion O'Carroll, Tor Anderson, Mildred Neville

Attending Online: Kim Krupka

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.

Ray Reser, Tarion O'Carroll, and Tor Anderson registered to speak on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of April 4, 2023 Minutes

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

CORRESPONDENCE

2. DATCP May Report - Submitted by Correen Fallat, DATCP Liaison

DATCP Report was included in the meeting packet.

3. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) April Highlights - Submitted by Colton Wolosek, Golden Sands RC&D Regional AIS Coordinator

AIS April Highlights was included in meeting packets.

VOUCHERS

4. Review Vouchers, Purchases, and Procurement Card Charges

Vouchers, purchases, and procurement card charges were reviewed.

REPORTS

5. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Report - Roy Diver, NRCS District Conservationist

Diver reviewed his written report included in meeting packets.

6. Update on Portage County WATER Program

A memo by Jen McNelly was included in meeting packets. Peterson asked for the number of wells that have been replaced in the Nelsonville area.

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)-Vacant

- a. Lakes Management Districts-Peterson - There will be a number of meetings over the holiday weekend.
- b. Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)-Bradley - No report.
- c. North Central Land & Water Conservation Association (NCLWCA)-B. Jacowski - Portage County hosts the virtual meeting on May 16 at 9:00 a.m. Benedict will send the agenda to LWCC members.
- d. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP)-B. Jacowski - B. Jacowski reported on the April 6 meeting. Fees were raised in 2022. Project Coordinator Shannon Rohde is having difficulties finding interns through UWSP. Bradley reported some of the locally planned DOT projects may be replaced with projects farther away.
- e. Portage County Drainage District-Splinter/Guth-Alternate - A commissioner appointment is expected in June.
- f. Mill Creek Watershed-Splinter - Testing continues to try to determine the source of the high chloride levels.
- g. Farmer Led Councils-Guth - No report.
- h. Central Sands Groundwater County Coalition (SCGCC)-Vacant - B. Jacowski and Guth offered to fill the vacancy.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**8. Discussion/Possible Action - Update on Nelsonville Monitoring Wells and Monitoring Well Water Testing**

Public comment was taken from Ray Reser. Reed said four wells are in, two more are expected to be completed this week and the final well early next week. Settling must take place before samples can be taken. Reed said samples will be pulled by multiple staff and five percent of the samples will be sent to a lab other than UWSP. Staff will update the LWCC regularly. No action was taken.

9. Discussion/Possible Action - Pursue Development of a 9 Key Element Plan for Nelsonville

Public comments were taken from Tarion O'Carroll, Ray Reser, and Tor Anderson. Bradley referred to the memos in meeting packets. A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Mike Splinter, to postpone for a minimum of six months. Motion to postpone for a minimum of six months carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

10. Discussion/Possible Action - Wetlands Conservation League Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Conservation Plan/Schedule of Operations Revision

According to the Farm Service Agency, Benedict said the revision is due to a change in the burn years, which requires approval from the LWCC. A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Catherine Guth, to approve. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

11. Discussion/Possible Action Re: 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 - Peterson plans to attend some Lake District meetings.

Approval of attendance of special meetings - B. Jacowski attended the Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership meeting on April 6. A motion was made by Catherine Guth, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to approve the special meeting request. Motion to approve the special meeting request carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Special meeting attendance reports - B. Jacowski gave his report under Committee Representative Reports.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m., Conference Rooms 1&2, County Annex.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mike Splinter, seconded by Catherine Guth, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote, with no

negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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.