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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Forestry and Water & Land Use Planning Committees
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Forestry Office Conference Room, Fairgrounds, Antigo, WI

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Curran.
2. Roll call was conducted.

Forestry and Water & Land Use Planning Committee		
Name	Role	Status
Robert Curran	Chairman	Present
John Medo	Member	Present
Joseph Novak, III	Member	Present, by phone
John Breske	Member	Present
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Member	Present
Non- Committee Members Present		
Name	Interest	
Erik Rantala	Forest Administrator	
Tom Lazars	Park Director	
Duane Haakenson	Zoning Administrator	
Maria Feltz Lewandowski	ACA/ Conservation Technician	
Wes Phillips	WI DNR, by phone	
Keri Beck	Assistant Economic Development Director	
Fred Heider	NCWRPC	
Rich Wiegert	Supervisor	
Doug Curler	Supervisor	
Robin Stowe	Corporation Counsel	
Kathy Pont	Citizen	
Pete Pennington	Citizen	
Dave Kautza	Rolling Town Board Chairman	
Judy Nagel	County Clerk, recording Secretary	

3. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approve previous meeting minutes:** Motion by Balcerzak, second by Breske to approve the December 16, 2020 and January 11, 2021 Water & Land Use and Forestry Committee Minutes. All ayes, motion carried. All ayes, motion carried.

5. **Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of request for items to be added to future meeting agendas.** No public comment.

FORESTRY AND RECREATION AGENDA ITEMS:

6. **2022-2026 Langlade County Outdoor Recreation Plan: Fred Heider, North Central Regional Planning:** Heider discussed the 2022-2026 Langlade County Outdoor Recreation Plan planning process, discussing the survey, notification to the public and the approval process. Discussion held. Heider will bring the draft plan back to the Committee later this year for further review. Heider stated that this service is provided by North Central Regional Planning.
7. **Approve invoice for trees for spring planting:** Rantala discussed the trees listed on the DNR invoice, showing a reduced number of trees, which is underbudget, requesting approval to purchase \$21,261 in trees for spring tree planting. Motion by Medo, second by Balcerzak to approve the invoice for Spring Tree Planting, \$21,261, with funding in the budget. All ayes, motion carried.
8. **Approve Wild Turkey Stamp Program Grant Application:** Rantala discussed the work the Foresters have doing to rehab roads, rehab post logging areas, seeding, mowing, estimating 28 miles of work. The grant, \$29,830, is with matching funds such as use of Forestry equipment used on the project. Motion by Balcerzak, second by Breske to approve the Wild Turkey Stamp Program Grant Application. All ayes, motion carried.
9. **Review/approve changes to 15-year plan by WIDNR:** Rantala stated that this plan was a holdover from last month, discussing the cell towers, selling land for towers at a 2 to 1 ratio. Cell tower leases are separate discussion at a later time. Motion by Medo, second by Balcerzak to approve the changes to the 15-year plan by WIDNR, approving the 2 to 1 ratio on withdrawal of county land for cell towers land purchases. All ayes, motion carried.
10. **Review/approve RFPs for Snowmobile Bridge project over Wolf River at Langlade Bridge:** Rantala stated that this proposal is for the Bridge on the Wolf River on Highway 64 for snowmobile crossing. Rantala received one proposal, on a 2-Phase Design Project, grant funded, with the DNR approval needed on the design work of the project. Discussion held. Motion by Medo, second by Balcerzak to approve Phase 1 of the Wolf River Bridge Design RFP Summary submitted by Robert E. Lee & Associates of Hobart, Wisconsin. All ayes, except Novak abstained.
11. **Policy Development: Discuss motorized vehicle policy at Scout Camp County Park:** Discussion on the policy for ATV/UTV use at Scout Camp. Currently there is a snowmobile trail on the camp. Rantala requests getting the Rec Plan input, utilizing the plan to develop a policy for the use of ATV/UTV at Scout Camp. Discussion on the original purchase, making Scout Camp a primitive camping destination. Discussion continued on the lake access and type of water craft, with this addressed in the rec plan. No action taken.

12. Discuss Resolutions regarding Land Sale Policy and Land Buy Account Cap: Rantala discussed Chapter 400, referencing the Land Sale Policy and the Land Buy Account Cap, with significant changes to the original plan, suggesting putting Chapter 400 out for public comment before the plan goes to the full Board. Motion by Breske, second by Balcerzak to put Chapter 400 out for public comment for 30 days. All ayes, motion carried.

Rantala introduced Pont, daughter of a land owner adjacent to a parcel of land that Langlade County will be selling. Pont discussed the survey on this parcel, discussing the right of first refusal, requesting that Langlade County sell the parcel through a realtor. Discussion on the 1996 Town of Upham action to vacate a platted road on Langlade County property, Stowe will follow through on this. Discussion on using a local realtor for the selling of county owned land. Motion by Medo, second by Breske to approve using Integrity Realty for the 2021 sale of county owned land. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Review 2020 Harvest Volumes and Timber Sale Revenue: Rantala distributed Wood Harvest Data for Langlade County, from 2005 to present. Rantala discussed the numbers, noting the spikes and drops throughout the time period.

14. 2020 Forestry and Recreation Annual Report: Rantala distributed a copy of the 2020 Forestry and Recreation Annual Report, which report will also be given to the full Board.

15. Economic Development Report: Beck addressed the Committee on the activities of Economic Development. Beck discussed the filming with Discover Wisconsin in Langlade County, which will be released shortly on their streaming devices and Beck gave a project update on the Welcome Center. Beck also discussed hiking and biking reports for Langlade County along with discussions on hotel/motel room tax. Beck also displayed the Visitor Guide just published. Information only.

16. DNR Liaison Report: Phillips, by phone, updated the Committee on DNR activities: Spring Fire Season, as the Antigo Forestry Tech position is vacant. Phillips also discussed the DNR COVID policy. Phillips also discussed the aspen and alder shearing in Langlade County and fisheries habitat installation on upper and lower Post Lake.

17. Forest Administrator Report: Rantala updated the Committee on the 9 active timber sales and the issues with the winter sales, markets are soft, supply is over demand. Rantala has been working with snowmobile clubs, snowmobile council and getting the updated maps for snowmobile/ATV ready for print. Rantala also discussed flooding reimbursement, on line registration at Jack Lake, and Highway T rec wing engineering services. Rantala discussed a part time assistant office position. Chairman Curren refers the discussion of the assistant office position to the Personnel and Finance Committees.

18. Budget Summary for Forestry and Recreation: Discussion held.

- 19. Set Spring 2021 Timber Sale Date:** Rantala discussed the markets, the contracts on the books, cash flow and wood marketed. The Committee agreed, April 22, 2021 for 2021 Spring Timber Sale.

Motion by Medo, second by Curran to excuse Balcerzak at 9:15 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Water and Land Use Agenda Items:

Haakenson introduced Maria Feltz Lewandowski, Assistant in the Zoning and Conservation Department. The Committee introduced themselves and welcomed Feltz Lewandowski.

- 20. Review status of Junk Ordinance and correspondence received from the Towns:** Haakenson reviewed the committee decision from December to rescind the county junk Ordinance. Haakenson sent a letter to all the Townships, informing them of the change in the junk ordinance. Discussion on the clean-up costs and the enforcement of the ordinance. Chairman Curran refers the Junk Ordinance to the next meeting. Haakenson reviewed the objections from the Towns: Summit, Evergreen and Neva. Chairman Kautza addressed the Committee regarding the legal reinforcement at the Town and County Level.
- 21. Review proposed draft 2021 Department Plan:** Haakenson distributed a copy of the Land Records and Regulations Department 2021 Plan Draft, discussing the goals, status and future goals of the Department. Discussion on the replacement of the departmental van and tires needed for the van. Discussion on the software and server needs for the Department.
- 22. Review status of County Surveyor Position:** Haakenson distributed a draft copy of the Contract for Land Surveying and Office Support Services. Tlusty, retiring March 2, 2021, agreed to contract with Langlade County through 2021. Discussion held. Motion by Medo, second by Breske to approve the contract, staying with in the Surveyor Budget for 2021. All ayes, motion carried.
- 23. Review procedures and times for future public hearings and meetings:** Haakenson discussed the scheduling of public hearings, Board of Adjustment hearings and the Committee monthly meeting. The Committee agreed to separate the Forestry and the Water and Land Use Meetings.
- 24. Monthly Department Update:** Haakenson distributed a copy of the Land Records and Regulation Director's Report for January 2021, which is attached to the minutes. Discussion held.
- 25. Schedule next meeting:** Forestry Committee Meeting: March 11, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m. in the Forestry Conference Room. WLUPC will be meeting on the third Tuesday of the Month.
- 26. Adjourn meeting:** Motion by Breske, second by Novak to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:
Judy Nagel, County Clerk/Recording Secretary.

Land Records and Regulations Department Director's Report for January 2021

Selected candidates for Assistant Code Administrator/ Land Conservation Technician

Worked with Robin to dismiss long standing junk violation in the Town of Langlade because property was sold.

Sent letter to Towns regarding Junk Ordinance status.

Worked with DATCP official to secure \$22,000 AEA grant for incentives to have County landowners enroll acreage into the Farmland Preservation Program.

Worked with Judy, Jen and Robin to set up interviews for ACA/Land Con. Tech. on January 21-22.

Worked on Department Plan for 2021 and long-range plans.

Worked on contracted services package for County Surveyor

Hired Maria Filtz Lewandowski to be next Assistant Code Administrator/ Land Conservation Technician

January GIS Summary

* Central Square (911 system) meetings and work related to GIS files. That whole system runs on GIS layers.

* Started work on yearly data submittal to State of WI Department of Administration (DOA)

* Began new longer-term project to update Section Line work in GIS system, uses Surveys newest information

County Surveyor

Dec 16 presentation at WLUPC

Dec 17 With Luke Williams, survey to locate 1 mile of roadway SW corner Ackley

Dec 22-23 start map for " " " " "

Dec 28 review 3 Tim Rusch CSM's

Jan 5, map updating Sec 4 Ackley

Jan 6 with Luke W. GPS two corners Ackley

Jan 12 with Luke 2 set 5 corners Sec 4 & 5 Ackey

Jan 14 field work sec 9-34-09

Jan 15 FINISH MAP OF nw ¼ 9-34-09 FOR forestry dept

Jan 25 finished map Ainsworth West Point cul-de-sac map 30074

Jan 25 computed West point plat on County coordinates for Joe/GIS mapping correction

Jan 26 WSLs annual meeting (virtual)

Jan 27-28 Off (Missouri)

Jan 28 took in morning session of WSLs annual institute from laptop while in Missouri

Feb 1- 2 Off (Missouri)

Feb 3 updates to Deep Woods lake county lot to be sold

Feb 4, updates “ “ “ and emails to Town Clerk and Robin

Feb 9 calc sec 8-33-11 for Cory Ruhland (co forester) and send him coordinates for a 40 corner there.
Updated all 40 lines in sec 17 & 18, Neva (GIS lines didn't mess with Branch road)

Dave Tlusty will be retiring on March 2, 2021.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

- Shoreland Specialist Position
 - Planning to Advertise in Early March
- DATCP Staffing Grant
 - 2020 Reimbursement Request due 2/15
 - 2021 Application due 4/15
- Soil Water Resource Management (SWRM) program
 - Shoreline Stabilization inquiry
 - Fence line inquiry
- Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant
 - Extension granted.
 - Preliminary reimbursement received.
 - Final Report and reimbursement request due 2/15
- Lake Protection Grant
 - No Updates
- Healthy Lakes Grant
 - No Updates
- Lumberjack Grants
 - Water education grant was awarded
 - Tri-County AIS Coordinator Support grant awarded
- 2021 Compost Bins
 - Order Confirmed will ship approximately 4/15 delivery to Research Station.