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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Forestry and Water & Land Use Planning Committees
Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Eau Claire River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo, WI

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

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Novak.
2. Roll call was conducted.

Water & Land Use Planning Committee		
Name	Role	Status
Joseph Novak, III	Chairman	Present
John Medo	Member	Present
Robert Curran	Member	Present
John Breske	Member	Present
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Member	Present
Non- Committee Members Present		
Name	Interest	
Duane O. Haakenson	Zoning Administrator	
Erik Rantala	Forest Administrator	
Dennis Clark	County Manager	
Angie Close	Economic Development Director	
Judy Nagel	County Clerk, recording Secretary	
Jeffrey Ortscheid	Applicant, Citizen, via Telephone	
Amy Ortscheid	Applicant, Citizen, via Telephone	

3. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approve previous meeting minutes:** Motion by Medo, second by Novak to approve the February 27, 2020 Forestry Committee Minutes. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Breske, second by Balcerzak to approve Water & Land Use Committee Minutes of May 26, 2020. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of request for items to be added to future meeting agendas.** Curran requests to add to for next month, discussion the Bridge in Langlade.
6. **Elect Vice Chair of the Committee and elect delegate to Snowmobile Council:** Balcerzak nominates Medo. Medo declines. Curran nominates himself. Chair called three times for

nominations. The Committee cast a unanimous vote for Curran as Vice Chair of the Forestry and Water and Land Use Committees. Discussion on Novak remaining in the Snowmobile Council. Curran nominates Novak. Motion by Balcerzak to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Novak, second by Medo. All ayes, motion carried. Novak will be the delegate for the Snowmobile Council.

FORESTRY AND RECREATION AGENDA ITEMS:

- 7. Ratify timber sale contract extensions for sales that expired April 1, 2020:** Rantala discussed the number of sales that were winter sales, not cut, storm damage that the contract expired, extending those contracts through April 1, 2021. Discussion held on distressed storm damage wood and adjustments to the rates. Motion by Curran, second by Medo to ratify UTC decision and Forestry Committee Chair decision regarding timber sale contract extensions until April 1, 2021. All ayes, motion carried.
- 8. Timber Sales Update:** Rantala discussed the mill situation, markets, problematic due to the July 2019 storm. Currently, Lantada County has 17 active sales. Timber Sales were conducted on April 2 and May 14, 2020, with 19 of 27 sales, with two direct sales. To date, since July 19, 2019 Lantada County has had 103 salvage sales, 19 completed, 17 active. Discussion on the bid opening process as to whom is involved, possibly continuing in the same manner as last month: Forest Administrator, Forest Administrator's Secretary and Chair of Forestry. Discussion held. Motion by Medo, second by Curran to have Forest Administrator, Forest Administrator Secretary and Forestry Committee Chair and/or Vice Chair hold the bid opening for timber sales and report back to the Forestry Committee. All ayes, motion carried.
- 9. Grant Update:** Rantala discussed the Rec Grant that was due May 1 and the Maintenance Grant that was due April 15, 2020, coordinating with the Highway Department the Highway T Bridge used by snowmobiles, requesting a rec wing to be approved in August to assist with trail infrastructure. Rantala also discussed a grant to replace a culvert that is used by the snowmobiles. Rantala also discussed a bridge grant. for snowmobile and ATV use in the Elcho area. The Gun Range facility proposal is approved, so re-construction can start.
- 10. Review Chapters 100-700 and distribute Chapter 800 of 15-year Lantada County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan:** Rantala stated that Chapters 100-500 (draft) have been approved, as the complete draft will be put on for public comment, as this plan manages the day to day management of the forests. Rantala explained what each Chapter pertains to. Discussion held. The Committee will vote on Chapters 600, 700 and 800 next month.
- 11. Consider Casual Employee Hours for 2021 Budget: Parks and/or Forestry:** Rantala discussed the seasonal help that is needed during the summer months. Casual positions are currently in the budget. Motion by Balcerzak, second by Breske to approve casual employee hours for the 2021 Budget. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Curran, second by Balcerzak to refer the Casual Employment Policy to the Personnel Committee.

12. Review 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Projects and rank 2021 Projects: Rantala discussed the proposed 2021-2025 projects. Rantala explained the projects. Discussion held. The Committee ranked the projects: 1. Culvert on County Forest Road; 2. Re-Forestation; 3. Reservation Software; 4. HVAC and Gravel on Forest Road; 5. Lawn mower; 6. Shore Trail and Boardwalk at Scout Camp; 7. Demolish building at Scout Camp. Motion by Breske, second by Balcerzak to approve the ranking list and forward this to the Finance Committee. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Discuss/Approve proposals for gravel crushing project on County Forest: Rantala discussed that this proposal was in the 2020 budget, not a large volume job, one proposal under budget, \$19,750 from Jacob Enterprise. Motion by Balcerzak, second by Novak to approve the proposal for gravel crushing from Jacob Enterprise at \$19,750. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Discuss/Approve Dombrinska access permit in Town of Upham: Rantala discussed that in the 15-year plan, a permit to cross Langlade County Property, not liable for maintenance or upkeep, not transferable. Motion by Curran, second by Medo to approve the Dombrinska access permit in the Town of Upham. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Discuss sale of County owned lands (non-County Forest): Rantala explained County owned Land and County owned forest land, using the 15-year plan to make decisions on lands. Rantala distributed a list of properties, lands that are free and clear to sell. Discussion on timing, access to the properties, listing the properties with a reserve, where deposit of proceeds would go. Information only.

16. Scout Camp County Park Update: Rantala updated the Committee on Scout Camp: logging job just finishing up; gate is open; roadwork needs to be completed; storage sheds have been auctioned. Rantala discussed the Camp possibilities, the Camp budget, discussing the NCWRPC Scout Camp analysis. Angie Close, Economic Development Director, discussed the marketing strategies being used to be used to market Scout Camp and Camping in Langlade County. Discussion on location and time for a meeting at Scout Camp. Motion by Medo, second by Breske to allow Forest Administrator and Staff to do the bare minimum requirements for Scout Camp Use, with no camping, open for general use, drive in for boat launching and walking. All ayes, motion carried.

The Committee also discussed and agreed to take Public Hearings on Re-Zoning off the Forestry and WLUPC Agendas, doing those separately

The Committee agrees to hold the next Forestry and WLUPC Meeting at Scout Camp, July 21, 2020, meeting at the Forestry Office at 7:30 a.m. and heading to the Camp.

17. Discuss County Recreation Policy: County Manager Clark discussed with the Committee what level of recreation business Langlade County wants, expects, what type of recreation policy should be in place. Discussion on recreational dollars spent in the County; camp fees. No action taken.

- 18. Discuss Land Acquisition Policy:** Review Chapter 400, which discusses the Land Acquisition Policy for the next meeting.
- 19. Closed Session:** At approximately 2:30 p.m., consider moving into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons required a closed session, to discuss land trade. Motion by Curran, second by Medo to go into closed session at 3:15 p.m. Voice vote: Curran, aye; Medo, aye; Balcerzak, aye; Breske, aye; Novak, aye. Those remaining in closed session: Rantala, Clark and Nagel. The Committee is now in closed session.
- 20. At approximately 2:45 p.m., return to open session with possible action taken on any matters discussed in closed session:** Motion by Curran, second by Medo to return to open session at 3:25 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.
- Action taken from Closed Session:** Motion by Medo, second by Curran to give Rantala permission to approach the DNR with the proposal discussed in closed session. All ayes, motion carried.
- 21. Forest Administrator Report:** Rantala discussed timber sales, Trap Range re-building, the decision from the Court of Appeals on the bridge in Langlade and working with snowmobile clubs.

WATER AND LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

- 22. Public Hearing.....Jeffrey and Amy Ortsheid, Town of Price, 3:30 p.m. Petition for Zoning Amendment #1017.** See attached Public Hearing Minutes.
- 23. Non-Routine business requiring discussion/action:**
- a. Review procedures for public hearings.** Haakenson discussed the Farmland Preservation Plan and the process for Public Hearing. Discussion on soil tests (not required), surveys and timing for rezoning. Next Public Hearing will be July 28, 2020. Information only.
 - b. Budget review:** Haakenson reviewed the 2020 Budget to current.
- 24. Land Records Department Update- Duane Haakenson, Director:** Haakenson, Director, distributed a monthly summary. See attached. Haakenson also discussed junk ordinance violations and the approval from DATCAP for the Farmland Preservation Plan Grant.
- 25. Schedule next meeting:** Forestry and Water and Land Use Committees: July 21, 2020 at 7:30 a.m., traveling to Scout Camp. Public Hearings: July 28, 2020 at 3:30 p.m., Eau Claire River Room
- 26. Adjourn meeting:** Motion by Medo, second by Curran to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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

County Board Report for the Land Records and Regulations Department for June 2020

Land Records and Regulations Dept. Monthly Highlights submitted on June 30, 2020

Director

- Worked on CIP, Budgeting, with Finance
- Worked with LCWA members for annual meeting in July
- Court w/ Robin on junk Ordinance violations
- Submitted Final grant reimbursement for FPP to DATCP

Real Property Lister

- Finishing Assessment Rolls for Towns
- Most Statement of Assessments are filed with the State (DOR)
- Continuing updates on Parcels and problem deeds

GIS Coordinator/LIO

- Yearly splits Completed by end of May
- Grant Submission Report sent to Department of Administration
- Redrew Boulder Lake and Mary Lake, all parcels.

County Surveyor

- pulled aerial target white Lake, mapping control at Mary Lake
- field work for mapping control, Boulder Lake lots
- call to Kaitlin Levis re: property lines Sunset Ave. Call to Erik Rantala re scrapping FEMA PLSS corner project, continue & finish Boulder lake lots and section calc for mapping with dxf to Joe, email Higginbotham coords near lower post lk. Email reply to realtor re survey on 0260432, talk about problem cor in Vilas with Tim R. Pulled last aerial target at school SW of town.
- finishing mapping 30+ parcels Mary Lake for GIS mapping. Starting on 32-31-15 to control Deomel plat. Looked up info and call back to Larry Gaston 709 8th ave re survey his lot. Sent map 10875 via email to Bonnie Nelson
- research area of Dorr & 10th ave for surveyor A. Jones & Update parcel desc wrong CSM reference here 13-48, not 17-48. Reply email Luke Glinecki re: Tower Fire lane status @ Hwy 52 intersection, with CC: to G. Bartz.
- field work on survey for sober living site. Returned phone call to Steve Petz re: magnetic declination @ Florence Lake. (?)

-staked lines and approx. corners. Sober Living site & sent letter to adjoining owner Frisch. Stopped at Filbrandt plumbing to let Joe F. know that his concerns about a 20± by 40± parcel here have been taken care of – we didn't "take" that land from him.

- compute acreage for Terry Trapp and Amy on 5 MFL 40's in Sec 10-33-10. Research and call back to Greg Fraley re: road in NE1/4 18-32-13

- phone call to Gary Bartz re: several DNR property issues (prop line at Augustine springs and Tower Fire Land off Hwy 52).

Land Conservation

- Reviewed and submitted 2020 Nutrient Management Plans to DATCP
 - 56,977 acres planned in 2020
 - Up from 55,897 in 2019
- Working on Land Conservation budget
- Sent out Land Conservation newsletter
- Healthy Lakes Grant implementation
- Enterprise Lake survey completed
- Planning for 2020 Clean Sweep event - August 22, 2020 - Langlade County Fairgrounds

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Committee: Forestry and Water & Land Use Planning
Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Time: 3:30 PM
Location: Wolf River Room, Resource Center, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo, WI

Zoning Amendment Application Number: 1017

The following are the Minutes of Public Hearing, held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Hearing called to order at 3:35 P.M.
2. Roll call was conducted.

Water & Land Use Planning Committee		
Name	Role	Status
Joseph Novak, III	Chairman	Present
Bob Curran	Vice-Chair	Present
John Medo	Member	Present
John Breske	Member	Present
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Member	Present
Non- Committee Members Present		
Name	Interest	
Duane O. Haakenson	LRR Department Director	
Jeffrey & Amy Ortscheid	Applicant(s) Via Phone	

3. Chairman Novak read the Notice of Public Hearing pertaining to **Petition for Zoning Amendment #1017** by Jeffrey and Amy Ortscheid, Applicants, N5187 French Road, Seymour, WI 54165 FROM: FORESTRY W/FARMLAND PRESERVATION TO: AFR Land as being Pt NW SW SEC 16 T32N R12E, being the N 10 acres; a 2 acre building site in the SW corner, shown on aerial map (Parcel #024-0250.001) Town of Price.
4. Mr. Haakenson stated that the Notice for Public Hearing was published in the Antigo Daily Journal on 6/17/2020 & 6/22/2020 in accordance with the Langlade County Zoning Ordinance and the Open Meeting Law. It was also sent to the Town Chairman, Town Clerk and those persons owning property within 300 ft of the described parcel.
5. The Petition for **Zoning Amendment #1017** was filed in the Land Records & Regulations Department on _____. It was then referred to the Chairman of this Committee and set for this time and date for public hearing.
6. Mr. Haakenson presented the Committee with the findings of fact, an aerial photo and a locational map of the area: The parcel is off of Hwy S, just off Hwy O on the eastside of the road, all zoned Forestry, with Farmland Preservation Overlay. Mr. Haakenson explained Farmland Preservation Overlay Program. Soils are kenneen in that area, there is electricity out there. This particular building site is out of the flood area. The applicant did appear before the town.

- a. Novak: Does this fit in with the town's comprehensive plan?
- b. Haakenson: Yes it does.
- c. Novak: Property taxes are paid up on the parcel?
- d. Haakenson: Yes they are.

7. There being no further questions for Mr. Haakenson, the chairman called the applicants forward and they were sworn in. (the applicant appeared via telephone).

Novak: Property taxes are paid up on the parcel?

Ortscheid: Yes

Novak: Distance from Highway O?

Ortscheid: Approximately Half mile north, on the eastside of the road.

Novak: Did the Town approve this? If so, what did we receive?

Ortscheid: Yes, In front of the Town Board, and approved.

Novak asks applicants if they have any questions.

Ortscheid: No.

Novak calls three times for those in favor of the proposed request. Novak calls three times for those in opposition of the request. Motion by Curran, second by Breske to close the Public Hearing. All ayes, motion carried. Public Hearing is closed. Mr. Haakenson has not received any complaints on this request and the staff does not make recommendations on the request.

After careful consideration of all factors:

REZONING OUT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICTS.

SECTION 17.42(4)(c) STANDARDS FOR REZONING OF LANDS OUT OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICTS. The County Board may approve petitions for rezoning lands out of the Exclusive Agricultural District only upon a finding that such a rezoning is in the public interest after consideration of the following factors:

Rezoning Out of Agriculture and Farmland Preservation Overlay Districts:

- 1. Adequate public facilities exist to serve the development or will be provided: Yes
- 2. Provisions of these facilities and services will not be an unreasonable burden to local governments: No testimony to that effect.
- 3. Land is suitable for development: Yes
- 4. The development will not cause unreasonable air or water pollution, soil erosion or adverse effects on rare or irreplaceable natural areas: No
- 5. Potential conflict with remaining agricultural land and uses in the area: n/a
- 6. Need for proposed development in the location specified: n/a
- 7. Availability of alternative locations: n/a
- 8. Productivity of the agricultural lands that are involved or affected: n/a
- 9. Whether the development as proposed is located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted: n/a
- 10. The land is better suited for a use not allowed in the Exclusive Agricultural district: n/a
- 11. The rezoning is consistent with any applicable comprehensive plan: yes

12. The rezoning is substantially consistent with the county certified farmland preservation plan: yes
13. The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit concurrent or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use: yes

Novak: any culvert or driveway on the parcel?

Ortscheid: no need for culvert, using the existing driveway.

DECISION: Motion by Curran, second by Medo to approve Petition for Zoning Amendment #1017 by roll call vote, all members voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

This will go before the full County Board on July 21, 2020 on the consent agenda.

Haakenson suggested to the applicant to call his office the day after the county board meeting for the results, and any details in writing.

Hearing is adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:

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