

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD – JANUARY 22, 2024  
COUNTY BOARD ROOM, LOWER LEVEL OF THE SAFETY BUILDING**

Chairman Pierce called the January 22, 2024 Monthly Meeting of the County Board to order at 5:05 p.m. On call of the roll, 19 Supervisors present, 2 absent. Absent: Supervisors Zaverousky and Benishek. Motion by Supervisor J. Wagner, second by Supervisor Mayr to excuse Supervisors Zaverousky and Benishek. All ayes, motion carried. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

**Citizens and Delegations, recognize other in Attendance:** Chairman Pierce welcomed those in attendance for tonight's meeting.

**Approve or amend the Agenda:** Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Mayr to approve the January 22, 2024 Agenda. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried. Agenda is approved.

**Approve or amend the minutes of December 18, 2023 as printed:** Motion by Supervisor W. Wagner, second by Supervisor Buck to approve the previous meeting minutes of December 18, 2023. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried. Minutes are approved.

**Recognition of County Employees:** County Clerk Nagel read the January 2024 List: Milestones: Penny Thiede, Land Records Office Manager, 5 years; Rachel Huebsch, Community Services Assistant, 5 years; Bill Tatro, Highway Worker, 10 years; Tina Wild, Clerk of Court, 30 years. Retirements/Resignations: Kim Bissonette, Assistant Finance Director, 25 years. New Hires: Taylor Schielke, Sheriff's Office Dispatcher; Austin Worzalla, Sheriff's Office Deputy; Logan Webster Highway Worker; Maggie Escalante, Dept. of Admin Sr. Accountant; Dillon West, Sheriff's Office Deputy. The Board was also provided a copy of the Langlade County Staff Status Report, which lists, by Department, the staffing level, the current staff number, and the number of open positions in that Department. Clerk of Court Tina Wild thanked the Board for the 30 Year recognition.

**Correspondence:** County Clerk Nagel read a thank you letter from the Senior Center of Langlade County.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas:** No public comment.

**Old Business:**

**Review Langlade County Code of Ordinance: Continue Chapter 10:** 10.01, 10.02 and 10.04 no proposed changes. 10.03 (4) numbering. 10.05 change casing to causing. 10.06 unburied carcasses – reference to Chapter 95 (95.50(3)) add ability to leave dead animals in the wild (as approved by DOT / DNR). Correct numbering and spacing of certain sections including 10.07. 10.07 add requirement to provide notice to local municipality of abatement actions before sending them the bill. 10.09(4) change title to Health Officer eliminate word "public". 10.10 & 10.11 no changes.

**New Business:**

**Forestry, Parks and Recreation Work Plan: Forest Administrator Murray:** Forest Administrator Murray shared with the Board the proposed 2024 Annual Work Plan. Murray reviewed the changes in the plan from 2023 to 2024. Murray discussed Goals and Objectives of the Department; Staff and Duties; Trails; Campgrounds, Campsites and Cabins; Bow and Gun Range; Fairgrounds; and Public Boat Access Sites. Discussion held.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Supervisor J. Wagner, second by Supervisor Persen to approve the Consent Agenda. All ayes, motion carried. Consent Agenda:

Elections or Appointments: Approve the Emergency Fire Wardens in Langlade County for 2024, in accordance with Wis. Stats. 26.12(3): Dave Visser, Richard Trepanier, Kay Lotter

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION #1-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**INTENT: ADOPT 2024 LANGLADE COUNTY FOREST ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the annual work plan functions as a planning guidance tool and further defines and supplements the county's fifteen-year comprehensive land use plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this work plan also fulfills the DNR requirement to meet with Langlade County annually and evaluate whether both parties have met their partnership obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan covers timber harvest, reforestation, forest protection, wildlife management, other forest uses, land purchases/sales/exchanges, recreation, time standards, forest certification, special projects, grants, funding & partners; and

**WHEREAS**, having the Langlade County Board of Supervisors approve the annual work plan is a requirement of eligibility §28.11(5M) to apply for the forest administrator grant, which reimburses Langlade County for wages and fringe benefits of the forest administrator approximately \$55,000+ annually;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors adopt the 2024 Langlade County Forest Annual Work Plan and a copy be forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE:**

- John Medo, Chairman
- Reinhardt Balcerzak
- Ben Pierce
- Roger Buck
- Todd Mayr

**Fiscal Note:** Langlade County has received \$52,410.43 in 2022 and \$55,596.863 in 2023 for the Forest Administrator Grant. We are anticipating \$55,000.00+ in 2024 for this grant. The grant is used to help cover the Forest Administrator's wages and benefits.

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor J. Wagner to adopt RS #1-2024. Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried. 19 ayes, 2 absent. Resolution #1-2024 is adopted.

**Committee Referrals: Referral of any matters to committees having proper jurisdiction with no discussion or action taken on the referral:** Supervisor Curler is requesting more information on the Highway Department overtime. County Administrator Hilger will discuss during his report. More information was requested on the Dispatcher Positions and Marathon County Dispatch coverage. County Administrator Hilger will discuss during his report.

**Update or Report on Grants and Activities from the County Administrator:** County Administrator Hilger provided a written report to the Board. Report available from the County Administrator. County Administrator answered questions regarding the Highway Department overtime and the transition with Marathon County for Dispatchers.

**County Board History Report from Supervisor Benishek:** Supervisor Benishek was not present for the meeting.

**Any other business that may lawfully come before the Board:** The next County Board meeting is February 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Pierce adjourned the January 22, 2024 County Board Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

I, Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk, Antigo, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting of January 22, 2024. Note: These minutes are not official until they are approved by the County Board at their next meeting.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2024.

Judy Nagel  
Langlade County Clerk

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