

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD – AUGUST 28, 2023
COUNTY BOARD ROOM, LOWER LEVEL OF THE SAFETY BUILDING**

The Langlade County Board of Supervisors met in the County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building. Chairman Pierce called the August 28, 2023 Monthly Meeting of the County Board to order at 5:34 p.m. On call of the roll, 20 Supervisors present, 1 absent. Absent: Supervisor Krueger. Motion by Supervisor Medo, second by Supervisor J. Wagner to excuse Supervisor Krueger. 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 thanked and welcomed those in attendance for tonight's meeting.

Approve or amend the Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Balcerzak to approve the August 28, 2023 Agenda. Voice vote: all ayes, Agenda is approved.

Approve or amend the minutes of July 24, 2023 as printed: Motion by Supervisor W. Wagner, second by Supervisor Bardo to approve the minutes of July 24, 2023 as printed. Voice vote: all ayes, Minutes are approved.

Recognition of County Employees: Clerk Nagel read the August 2023 List: Milestones: Chet Haatvedt, Register of Deeds, 15 years. Retirements/Resignations: Jenna Kitsemble, Child Support, 1 year. New Hires/Promotions/Transfers: Jordan Bahr-Bender, Conservation Tech, Land Conservation; Kristin Hetto, Administrative Assistant, Health Department; Jamie Brandlin, Deputy Register in Probate/Deputy Clerk of Court. 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. The Board will receive this list monthly.

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, Chapters 4, 5 & 6:

Chapter 4: Now vacant and reserved for future use.

Chapter 5: Now vacant and reserved for future use.

Chapter 6: Sheriff Westen and Emergency Management Director Travis Krueger are present if there are questions or changes to the Ordinance.

6.01: Policy and Purpose: To ensure that the County will be prepared to cope with emergencies resulting from enemy action and with emergencies resulting from natural disasters, an emergency management organization is created to carry out the purposes set forth in Ch. ~~466, Wis. Stats.~~ change to Ch. 323, Wis. Stats.

6.02: ENEMY ACTION. Any hostile action taken by a foreign power which threatens the security of the State. Define Enemy Action, adding reference to domestic entities connected to foreign enemies.

6.06 DUTIES OF THE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR. The Director, in the capacity as County Director, subject to the control and direction of the Public Safety Committee and under general supervision of the ~~County Board~~ shall ... general supervision of the County Sheriff.

6.09 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN. The County emergency operations plan, and other emergency management planning, is hereby adopted by reference as the official program of the County for emergency management. Operations to Management.

6.10 USE OF HEALTH SERVICE CENTER. The Wisconsin Army National Guard, ~~Company B, 1st Battalion 632D Armor,~~ shall have use of the gymnasium area and not more than 2 offices for a period not to exceed 4 days as an alternate assembly area in the event of a national emergency. The use of the building would occur only if the National Guard Armory is destroyed or damaged beyond use prior to or during mobilization for a national emergency being defined as an act of aggression from a hostile country resulting in the activation of National Guard troops by the President of the United States. Change to: Company E (FSC) 132nd Brigade Support Battalion. Discussion on using the facility for 4 days, could be allowed additional days. Discussion on explaining what a national emergency is.

New Business:

Child Support Director Robin Stowe and Child Support Coordinator Ann Wegner: Sharing Data and Explanation of Services provided by the Langlade County Child Support Office: Stowe and Wegner stated that August is Child Support Awareness Month, a month to increase the awareness of the importance of providing children with the support they need to be successful and the role of the Wisconsin Child Support Program. A slide show of the process, program and services of the Child Support Office was provided to the Board. Wegner stated that there are three case manager positions (one out on medical) and one financial support position (currently vacant). Child Support Program is a Federally mandated program that is passed on to the States for enforcement. Discussion held.

Board Participation: Open Meetings & Public Records, Corporation Counsel: No program this month.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Bina to approve the Consent Agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Elections or Appointments: Appoint Supervisor Poltrock to the Local Emergency Planning Commission

Letters, Petitions and Communication: Certificate of Commendation Honoring North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's 50th Anniversary

Proclamation: August is Child Support Awareness Month

Ordinances:

ORD #8-2023Z Request for Zone Change Town of Polar

The Langlade County Board of Supervisors do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: That the lands described as Pt SW NW SEC 24 T31N R12E being a one-acre building site in (Parcel # 022-0373), Town of Polar.

Now comprising a part of the A-2 w/ Farmland Preservation District is hereby rezoned into the AFR District.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

ADOPTED: August 28, 2023

APPROVED: Benjamin Pierce
County Board Chairman
ATTEST: Judy Nagel
Langlade County Clerk

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #20-2023

INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

INTENT: ACQUISITION OF LAND PARCEL #002-0800, #002-0801.002 and #002-0803 ENCOMPASSING 92.45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

WHEREAS, the Carly Fronek Trust ("CFT") has been in contact and negotiations with the County Administrator and the County Forest Administrator under direction of the Forestry and Recreation Committee in relation to sale and donation of portions of land interest on the former Fronek Farm; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2023, the County Administrator and the Carly Fronek Trust signed an option to purchase parcels with conditions of partial donation of properties by the Trust; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the land option CFT wishes to sell/donate land interest to Langlade County in the following descriptions,

Parcel #002-0800 - SW ¼ NW ¼ Section14, T31N, R10E as identified as parcel D in the attached Certified Survey Map and registered as Langlade County CSM Records V20, P72 ("Parcel D")

Parcel #002-0801.002 - part of SE ¼ NW ¼, Section14, T31N, R10E as identified as parcel C in the attached Certified Survey Map and registered as Langlade County CSM Records V20, P72. ("Parcel C")

Parcel #002-0803 - East ½ NW ¼ SW ¼, Section14, T31N, R10E as identified as parcel E in the attached Certified Survey Map and registered as Langlade County CSM Records V20, P72. ("Parcel E")

as depicted on the attached **Exhibit A**, including all rights, easements and appurtenances pertaining thereto, and all improvements located there on, (collectively, "Property"); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of past and present family members CFT desires to maintain the Property as forest and recreation land forever, CFT wishes to donate 50% of the appraised land value of Parcel D and Parcel C to the County to ensure the Property becomes a permanent part of the Langlade County Forest; and

WHEREAS, CFT in recognition of past and present family members desires to maintain the Property as forest and recreation land forever, CFT wishes to donate 100% of the appraised land value of Parcel E to the County to ensure

the Property becomes a permanent part of the Langlade County Forest with retention of a life estate on the recreational use of that property. Life estate reservations shall include but not limited to exclusive hunting rights, placement and use of permanent deer blinds, maintenance of wildlife openings, and motor vehicle use on that parcel by members or assigns of CFT until the death of the last CFT member or official notice from CFT of release from the life estate; and

WHEREAS, Conditions of this donation will require the County to name and sign the site as "The Fronек Farm Recreation Area". In memory of Ray and Carley Fronек. The County shall further reserve the following for CFT:

1. The rights to perform property maintenance, under a special use permit provide by the County, including but not limited to trail trimming and mowing and brush removal, until such a time that CFT is dissolved or no longer exists.
2. A life estate on Parcel E including but not limited to exclusive hunting rights, placement and use of permanent deer blinds, maintenance of wildlife openings, and motor vehicle use on that parcel by members until the death of the last CFT member or notification of release of the life estate.
3. The rights to post Parcel E as "no trespassing" during the term of the life estate.
4. A county issued access permit for with no fees across portions of Parcel D and Parcel C including access roads currently used and mapped for motor vehicle access to Parcel E during the term of the reserved life estate; and,

WHEREAS, conditions of the land acquisition/donation will require the County to:

1. Pay CFT 50% of appraised value of Parcel D and Parcel C starting within 180 days of the "Effective Date".
2. Establish a deed with a deed restriction requiring the County to keep and maintain the land as part of the Langlade County Forest in perpetuity allowing public recreation excluding motorized recreation. Such deed shall also identify a life estate for CFT members on Parcel E and meet requirements for official registration of the deed at closing of the transaction.
3. Allow "no trespass" posting of Parcel E during the term of the life estate to preserved the reserved rights of CFT members.
4. Maintain and manage the "Property" as forest and recreation lands in perpetuity.
5. Provide a private lands access permit for CFT members across existing access roadway as mapped in Parcel C for access to Parcel E during the term of the life estate.
6. Establish a recreational trail access and parking area off from Fronек Road as time and funding allow.
7. Purchase and erect a sign with the naming as approved by CFT and identifying acceptable uses of the property as time and funding allow.
8. Designate the area for use as non-motorized recreation only, upon acquisition by County.
9. Maintain existing trails by regular mowing and brushing as part of the County Forest hunter walking trail system or through agreement with non-motorized trail partnerships as time and funding allow.
10. Erect and maintain signage to limit trespassing on neighboring properties as time and funding allow.
11. Sustainably manage forest resources with consideration for recreational use, wildlife habitat and water resources; and,

WHEREAS, an appraisal was provided by CFT from Nolan Sales LLC showing a total appraised value of the property to be \$228,325.00 for 92.45 acres; and

WHEREAS, based upon donations and conditions in the option to purchase, the County will pay \$89,775.00 for the purchase of 92.45 acres with deed restrictions and conditions as agreed; and

WHEREAS, the Assigned Forestry Land Purchase Account, has sufficient funds for purchase of the property as described and associated closing cost; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors approves use Assigned Forestry Land Purchase Account, purchase of Parcel #002-0800, #002-0801.002 and #002-0803 from the Carley Fronек Trust with the terms agreed for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors approves use of Assigned Forestry Land Purchase Account, to pay closing cost of Parcel #002-0800, #002-0801.002 and #002-0803 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

Ben Pierce, Chairman
John Medo
Bruce McDougal
Robert Benishek
Todd Mayr
Steve Maier
Reinhardt Balcerzak

Fiscal Note: The Assigned Forestry Land Purchase Account has been established for such purchases and has a current balance of \$158,408.

Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Balcerzak to adopt RS#20-2023. Richard Fronek, Son of Carley Fronek, addressed the Board, giving a bit of history of the family farm turned into a tree farm, in the Managed Forest Program. Chairman Pierce thanked the family for their gesture. Forest Administrator Murray discussed a proposed use policy for the Fronek Land. Signage and public recognition of the Fronek's will be forthcoming. Discussion held. Roll Call Vote: all ayes, motion carried. 20 ayes, 1 absent. Resolution #20-2023 is adopted. The Board gave a round of applause to the Fronek Family.

Committee Referrals: Supervisor Balcerzak provided a handout from North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's Celebrating 50 Years, which copies are available in the County Clerk's Office.

Update or Report on Grants and Activities from the County Administrator: County Administrator Hilger submitted a written report. Copy of the report is available from County Administrator Hilger.

County Board History Report from Supervisor Benishek: Supervisor Benishek continued with the history of the County Board going back to October, 1975, where the Board is planning for a Health Care Center and Social Services Building; changing the name of the Teachers' College to Langlade County Community Center that would house the Langlade County Committee on Aging. In May of 1976, the Courthouse was nominated to be on the National Register of Historical Places. In December, 1977, the computer age came to Langlade County, the AS400 was coming in. In 1978, County Board hires the first full-time District Attorney; Courthouse remodeling and restoration and elevator installation. In 1980, planning for a new Fairgrounds and in 1981, starts the process for the design and construction of a new Langlade County Airport Terminal Building. In March of 1982, the State Legislature designates Antigo Silt Loam as the Official State Soil. More to come.

Any other business that may lawfully come before the Board: Chairman Pierce and Second Vice-Chairman Medo discussed the Pelican River Easement Meeting. Discussion on the lack of recreation creation in the easement; easement set-back; request to have the State of Wisconsin and the DNR work with the Counties on selling or classifying property.

Chairman Pierce read a letter from Supervisor Mulhollon announcing that she will be resigning from the County Board on October 31, 2023.

The next County Board meeting is September 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room. Chairman Pierce thanked Supervisor McDougal for the delicious treat.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Persen, second by Supervisor Maier to adjourn the August 28, 2023 meeting at 7:10 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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 August 28, 2023. Note: These minutes are not official until they are approved by the County Board at their next meeting.

Judy Nagel
Langlade County Clerk

Dated this 31st day of August, 2023.
