

MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 – 8:30 AM
LAND & WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
301 WASHINGTON STREET, COURTHOUSE BUILDING “A” ROOM #3041
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(Draft minutes, not approved by Committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Tim Cole, Wayne Kaczrowski, Patrick Scanlan, and Keith Schneider

ABSENT: Chris Augustine

OTHERS PRESENT: Monty Brink, Forest, Parks & Recreation Administrator; Ken Dolata, County Conservationist; Dave Poffinbarger, GIS/LIO/LIS Administrator; Patrick Virtues, Planning, Zoning and Solid Waste Administrator; Laurie Wusterbarth, Register of Deeds; Michelle Seefeldt, Administrative Assistant; Al Sleeter, County Board Chair; Erik Pritzl, County Administrator; Dave Behrend, District 8 Supervisor; Jeff Maroszek, NRCS-DC; Matt Brugger, Tilth Agronomy; Steve Kaufman, DNR Liaison; Matthew Thelen, DNR Forester; Steve Heimerman; Amanda Dornfeld, Area Extension Director; Sarah Ferdon, FoodWise Coordinator Oconto & Marinette Counties; Chris Firgens, County Forester; others present.

1. Call to Order

Chair Cole called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence – None

2.2. Removal of Items – None

Motion by Scanlan/Kaczrowski to approve the agenda. Motion voted on and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Kaczrowski/Scanlan to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023. Motion voted on and carried.

Motion by Schneider/Scanlan to approve the minutes of March 7, 2023. Motion voted on and carried.

4. Communications

None

5. Review of 2022 Annual Reports

5.1. Register of Deeds – Laurie Wusterbarth presented the 2022 Register of Deeds Annual Report. Discussion held. Motion by Kaczrowski/Scanlan to forward the 2022 Register of Deeds Annual Report to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

5.2. Extension – Amanda Dornfeld presented the 2022 Extension Annual Report. Discussion held. Motion by Schneider/Kaczrowski to forward the 2022 Extension Annual Report to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

5.3. LIS/Land Records Department – Dave Poffinbarger presented the 2022 LIS/Land Records Annual Report. Discussion held. Motion by Scanlan/Schneider to forward the 2022 LIS/Land Records Annual Report to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

5.4. Land & Water Conservation – Ken Dolata presented the 2022 Land & Water Conservation Annual Report. Discussion held. Motion by Kaczrowski/Schneider to forward the 2022 Land & Water Conservation Annual Report to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

5.5. Planning/Zoning & Solid Waste – Pat Virtues presented the 2022 Planning/Zoning & Solid Waste Annual Report. Discussion held. Motion by Kaczrowski/Schneider to forward the 2022 Planning/Zoning & Solid Waste Annual Report to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

5.6. Forest, Parks & Recreation – Monty Brink presented the 2022 Forest, Parks & Recreation Annual Report. Discussion held. Motion by Kaczrowski/Schneider to forward the 2022 Forest, Parks & Recreation Annual Report to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

6. Extension

6.1. Department Report

- Sarah Ferdon, FoodWise Coordinator Oconto & Marinette Counties gave a presentation on the FoodWise Program. Discussion held on the community garden project and funding sources.

7. LIS/Land Records Department

7.1. Department Report

Dave Poffinbarger presented the LIS/Land Records Department report, as there was a problem with the enclosed document. Discussion held on the monthly department tasks.

8. Land & Water Conservation Department

8.1. Green Bay West Shore Demonstration Farm Network Update

- Matt Brugger with Tilth Agronomy gave a presentation and update on the four farms participating in the Green Bay West Shore Demonstration Farms Network. Discussion held on the effects the demo farms are having on the area and how local farmers are implementing these practices into their operations.
- Jeff Maroszek, NRCS District Conservationist, spoke on the different conservation practices being used in Oconto County.

8.2. Lumberjack Resource, Conservation & Development Meeting, April 27, 2023, Menominee County

Discussion held on the upcoming meeting. Scanlan, Cole, Kazcrowski and Schneider will attend. Steve Heimerman spoke on the projects RC&D has funded.

8.3. White Potato Lake Inland Lake District Petition Hearing

Discussion held on date to schedule a public hearing for the White Potato Lake Inland Lake District Petition. The White Potato Lake Inland Lake District Petition Hearing will be held at 9:00 AM on April 9, 2023, at the Brazeau Town Hall.

8.4. Department Report

Ken Dolata reported on the following:

- Northern Pike trapping has started.
- Assembly Bill 131 would eliminate the Farm Service Agency Rep and require an agricultural producer be appointed.
- The Lake Michigan Area Conservation Association Spring Business Meeting is May 19, 2023
- Ken Dolata & Steve Heimerman will be giving a presentation on the value of the lakes to the northern 7 towns on April 12, 2023.

9. Planning & Zoning/Solid Waste Department

9.1. Schedule Date for Annual Recycling Meeting with Committed Municipalities

Discussion held on a date to hold the annual Recycling Meeting. Pat Virtues will schedule the Annual Meeting for May 9th or 10th and post an agenda.

9.2. Department Report

Pat Virtues presented the Planning & Zoning/Solid Waste report and discussion held.

- Discussion held on the Mar-Oco Landfill.
- The Mar-Oco Landfill Meeting will be held March 10, 2023
- Pat shared a resolution from Clark County on how the Wisconsin Legislature limits how counties can regulate solar and wind energy systems. See Wis. Stat. 66.0401. Discussion held.
- Attended the WCCA Conference on March 29th – 30th, 2023.

10. Forest, Parks & Recreation Department

10.1. 2023 WCFA Summer Tour

The WCFA Summer Tour is June 20th – 22nd, 2023 in Juneau & Vernon Counties. Discussion held. Monty Brink, Chris Firgens & Tim Cole will attend.

10.2. Fox Valley Technical Council use of County Land

Chris Firgens is on the Fox Valley Technical College Advisory Committee through WCFA. They are looking for ways to improve curriculum. Discussion held on allowing Fox Valley Tech students to conduct field projects using heavy equipment on county land. Moved by Scanlan/Schneider to support an agreement between Fox Valley Technical College and Oconto County Forest & Parks to allow students to conduct field projects using heavy equipment on county land. Motion voted on and carried.

10.3. Timber Sale Preview

Monty Brink stated there are 10 tracts totaling 589 acres on the 2023 Timber Sale. Bids are due on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 1:00 PM with contracts awarded at the May 2, 2023 committee meeting. Discussion held. Motion by Schneider/Kaczrowski to have the Forest & Parks Administrator put the presented 2023 Timber Sale packet out for bids. Motion voted on and carried.

10.4. Quotes for Backhoe Attachments

Monty Brink stated he received quotes on an auger bit, extension, ripper, forks and mulcher for the backhoe loader. Discussion held on the funding source and possible use of the remaining funds that were budgeted for the backhoe loader. Moved by Scanlan/Kaczrowski to forward to County Board the purchase of attachments for the 2023 Cat backhoe loader for \$43,253.79 from Fabick Tractor. Motion voted on and carried.

10.5. Department Report

Discussion held on the enclosed report along with the following items:

- Monty reviewed the Timber Sale Financial Statement and mentioned there are several timber contracts that are up for renewal on May 30, 2023. Discussion held.

10.5.1. Recreational Officer

No additional comments on the enclosed report

10.5.2. Wisconsin Department of natural Resources (WDNR)

Steve Kaufman presented the monthly DNR report and stated that Matt Thelen was a DNR LTE employee and is now the Lakewood Ranger for the Good Neighbor Authority Program.

11. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)

The 2023 WCA Annual Conference will be September 17th – 19th, 2023. Discussion held on prior months vendor payments.

12. Next Meeting Date

Next regular meeting of the Land & Water Resources Committee is scheduled for May 5, 2023.

13. Adjournment

Chair Cole declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.

MS/Date Posted – 04/18/2023