

MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 – 8:30 AM
LAND AND 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, Pat Scanlan, Chris Augustine, Keith Schneider, Wayne Kaczrowski

COMMITTEE ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Dolata, Land & Water Conservationist; Patrick Virtues, Planning, Zoning/Solid Waste Administrator; Monty Brink, Forest & Parks Administrator; Dave Poffinbarger, GIS/LIO/LIS Administrator; Dale Mohr, Community Resource Development Agent, Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, Al Sleeter, County Board Chair, Kim Pytleski, County Clerk; Will Joachim, Town of Mountain resident; Mark Winkler, Wisconsin Conservation Congress, Oconto County Committee Chairman

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence – None.

2.2. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Scanlan/Schneider to approve the agenda. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Kaczrowski/Augustine to approve the minutes from May 2, 2023. The motion was voted on and carried.

4. Approval of Previous Month Vendor Payments

Committee reviewed the previous month vendor payments.

5. Communications

5.1. Will Joachim – In Person

As Mr. Joachim was not in attendance when this item came up on the agenda. Committee moved to item 5.2. At 8:48 a.m. Mr. Joachim arrived and was able to address the committee concerning the speed of recreational vehicles on the Nicolet State Trail near his home in the Town of Mountain. Following Mr. Joachim's statements, it was stated agenda item 10.2 will address this topic. Statements were treated as information only and no action was taken.

5.2. Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan Population Goal – Mark Winkler

Monty Brink, Forest & Park Administrator, updated the committee on resolutions passed by Oconto County regarding the wolf plan. Mark Winkler, Wisconsin Conservation Congress, Oconto County Committee Chairman addressed the committee. The draft resolution will be brought forward at a future meeting agenda.

5.3. DNR budget passed through JFC

Brink updated the committee that JFC passed the Natural Resources budget including the Rec Officers, ATV/UTV, and Sustainable Forestry fund increases.

6. Extension

6.1. Department Report (No Action to be taken)

- The department report was enclosed. This was information only and no action taken.
- Dale Mohr, Community Resource Development Agent, presented a PowerPoint on Green Lake Park in Mountain, WI.

7. LIS/Land Records Department

7.1. Department Report (No Action to be taken)

- The department report was enclosed and treated as information.
- Dave Poffinbarger, GIS/LIO/LIS Administrator, updated the committee regarding the newly purchased plotter which has been installed. This plotter has UV and water-resistant ink and the capability to print vinyl banners.

8. Land & Water Conservation Department

8.1. Krause Dairy Oconto County Animal Waste Management Ordinance Variance Hearing

Krause Dairy received a Notice of Discharge from Wisconsin DNR, as part of correcting the runoff issue. Krause Dairy has requested a setback variance for a waste storage and waste transfer system. The hearing is set for July 10th, 2023.

- 8.2. Department Report (No Action to be taken)**
Ken Dolata, County Conservationist, gave the attached department report. This was information only and no action taken.
- 9. Planning & Zoning/Solid Waste Department**
- 9.1. Department Report (No Action to be taken)**
The department report was enclosed in the agenda packet and reviewed by Patrick Virtues, Zoning Administrator. This was information only and no action taken.
- 10. Forest, Parks & Recreation Department**
- 10.1. Carbon Credit Feasibility Analysis**
Brink received an email dated 06/05/2023 from Joshua Strauss, Senior VP, Nature Based Solutions, lead on Oconto County Forest Carbon Analysis Results. Oconto County Forest was not chosen as a viable site for the carbon credit program.
- 10.2. Review Oconto County Code of Ordinance Chapter 9.900(I) (2) Speed Limits - Township of Mountain**
Brink reviewed the action taken by the committee/board in December 2022. Discussion was held. Motion by Schneider/Scanlan to extend the 10 mph speed limit of the Nicolet State Trail to the south side of the bridge over the North Branch of the Oconto River in the Town of Mountain with an advisory sign placed 100 feet out. The Ordinance will be amended to read "Township of Mountain (T31N-R16E) Sec. 11 & 14, from intersection of Trail and Sparky's Road (aka Spring Creek Road), located in Section 10 to the south side of the bridge over the North Branch of the Oconto River of Section 14, shall have a speed limit of 10 mph.". The motion was voted on and carried. Forward to county board as a consent agenda item.
- 10.3. Timber Sale Bid Opening & Award Bid**
No bids were received. Received one site prep bid for mulching County Forest site 301. Brink stated the county won't mulch if a trenching bid was not received. Mulch bid will be rejected. Discussion was held.
- 10.4. 15 year plan Chapter 800 Revisions**
The County was audited in 2022. As a result of the audit, there was a Corrective Action Requirement (CAR). Motion by Scanlan/Kaczrowski to approve the revisions to Chapter 800 of the 15 year plan adding section 830.1.1. The motion was voted on and carried. Forward to the County Board as a consent agenda item.
- 10.5. Pensaukee Boat Landing Closure**
Canadian National contacted Brink for a special use permit to close the north half of the Pensaukee boat landing parking to hold a TTX/Field Excessive of a train derailment with an oil spill on July 13, 2023. In a real incident, the entire launch would close, but for the TTX, they close the north half of the lot for half the day from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. but allow boaters to access waters. Motion by Kaczrowski/Augustine to issue a special use permit to close the north half of the parking lot. The motion was voted on and carried.
- 10.6. Christie Lake Boat Access**
Brink gave the history on the Christie Lake Boat Access ownership. Discussion was held. Motion by Augustine/Schneider to offer the Christie (AKA Christy) Lake Boat Access to the Town of Underhill contingent on review and approval by Corporation Counsel. Following discussion, the motion was voted on and carried.
- 10.7. Department Report (No Action to be taken)**
The department report was enclosed. This was information only and no action taken. Discussion on future permit of Oconto River State Trail and reviewed Timber Sale Financial Statement.
- 10.7.1. Recreational Officer**
The report was enclosed. This was information only and no action taken.
- 10.7.2. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Liaison**
The report was enclosed. This was information only and no action taken.
- 11. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken) – None.**
- 12. Next Meeting Date**
Next regular meeting of the Land & Water Resources Committee is scheduled for July 11, 2023.
- 13. Adjournment**
Chair Cole declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.