

MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023 – 8:33 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, Patrick Scanlan, and Al Sleeter

ABSENT: Wayne Kaczrowski and Keith Schneider

OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Dolata, Land & Water Conservationist; Dave Poffinbarger, GIS/LIO/LIS Administrator; Patrick Virtues, Planning, Zoning and Solid Waste Administrator; Monty Brink, Forest, Parks & Recreation Administrator; Michelle Seefeldt, Administrative Assistant; Erik Pritzl, County Administrator; Dave Behrend, Supervisor District 8; Steve Heimerman, OCLAWA; Jayme Sellen, Oconto County Economic Development Corp; Jodi Marquardt, Village of Lena; Steve Marquardt, Village of Lena; Amy Marquardt, Village of Lena; Judy Patenaude, Village of Lena; and others present.

1. Call to Order

Chair Cole called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence – Move item 10.2 before 8.2.2. Motion by Sleeter/Scanlan to move item 10.2 before 8.2.2. Motion voted on and carried.

2.2. Removal of Items – None

Motion by Scanlan/Sleeter to approve the agenda as revised. Motion voted on and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Sleeter/Scanlan to approve the minutes of October 3, 2023. Motion voted on and carried.

4. Previous Month’s Vendor Payments

Committee reviewed the previous month’s vendor payments. Information only.

5. Communications

None

6. Extension

6.1. Department Report

Department reports were enclosed. Scott Ruess Crops, & Soils Extension Educator for Oconto, Marinette, Shawano, Lincoln, and Langlade Counties handed out the September/October 2023 Crops/Soils Programming Report for Oconto County and discussion held on crop yields and the 2023 fall harvest schedule. This was information only and no action taken.

7. LIS/Land Records Department

7.1. Department Report

The department report was enclosed. Dave Poffinbarger commented that the Next Gen/91 grant has not been awarded yet. Should be notified soon. This was information only and no action taken.

8. Land & Water Conservation Department

8.1. Lake Michigan Area Association Board of Directors Representative

Ken Dolata stated a new representative needs to be appointed to fill Chris Augustine’s appointment. Discussion held. Sleeter/Cole moved to recommend the appointment of Pat Scanlan to the Lake Michigan Area Association Board of Directors to County Board. The motion was voted on and carried, Scanlan abstained.

8.2. Lumberjack Resource, Conservation Development Grant Application

8.2.1. Green Lake Park Renovation

Steve Heimerman gave a presentation on the Green Lake Park Renovation project. Discussion held on project phases, maintaining the park and fees. Moved by Scanlan/Sleeter to allow the project representatives to apply for grant funding through Lumberjack Resources, Conservation & Development. Motion voted on and carried.

10.2. Outdoor Recreation Plan Amendment

Monty Brink stated the towns and villages could be included in Oconto County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) that helps when applying for grant funding. The Village of Lena would like the plan amended to include the Village of Lena Park Project. Moved by Sleeter/Scanlan to recommend amending the Oconto County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation plan to include the Village of Lena’s Park Project to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

8.2.2. Village of Lena Park Project

Jayme Sellen, Oconto County Economic Development Corp and Steve Marquardt, Village of Lena President, gave a presentation on the Village of Lena Park Project. Discussion held. Moved by

Scanlan/Sleeter to allow the Village of Lena to apply for grant funding through Lumberjack Resources, Conservation & Development. Motion voted on and carried.

8.3. Department Report

Ken Dolata reported on grants received from WDNR for \$616,000 to correct resource concerns on a farm, received \$220,000 from DATCP to correct resource concerns on another farm project. Will be applying for federal funding on this same farm for possibly up to an additional \$400,000. Discussion was held on nutrient management planning and in order to require someone to have a nutrient management plan we have to offer cost sharing per state statute. Part of the nutrient management plan is buffers and soil erosion. Funds can be applied for through the State to focus on watersheds and the requirement of the watershed rating needed to be eligible for some funds. Discussion was held on the Little River watershed being listed on EPA's 303d list of impaired waters.

8.3.1. Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association
No report

9. Planning & Zoning/Solid Waste Department

9.1. Discuss Northern Office Lease Agreement – Town of Lakewood

Pat Virtues reported on the Northern Office lease agreement, which renews every three years. The Northern Office will relocate to the new Riverview Community Center once it is complete. Discussion held on the term of the agreement. Moved by Sleeter/Scanlan to work with Corporation Counsel on a one-year lease agreement with a termination clause. The Committee will review the agreement once complete. Motion voted and carried.

9.2. Review Board of Adjustment Recommendations to Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Discussion held on zoning district permit uses vs conditional use requirements. Mobile homes older than 15 years old require a conditional use permit hearing to be placed on property. The Board of Adjustment Committee is requesting that mobile homes older than 15 years old be permitted uses with changes and requirements to permit them be outlined in the Zoning Ordinance. Discussion held on other ordinances changes. This was information only and no action taken.

9.3. Review Renewals of Recycling Agreements with Vendors for Recycling Services – Liberty Tire & Logistics Recycling Inc.

Pat Virtues presented two vendor contracts for review. Discussion held on the increase in fees for 2024 and how fees are collected through the townships. The county bills each township based on collection on the recycling service agreements. Moved by Scanlan/Sleeter to direct the Planning & Zoning Administrator to work with Corporation Counsel on the recycling agreements with Liberty Tire & Logistics Recycling, Inc. Motion voted on and carried.

9.4. Department Report

The department report was enclosed and discussed. This was information only and no action taken.

10. Forest, Parks & Recreation Department 10.1.

10.1. Rent Fun Agreement

Monty Brink presented the Rent Fun Agreement to the Committee for review and approval. Discussion held. Moved by Scanlan/Sleeter to take the agreement with Rent Fun to County Board for Approval.

10.3. Department Report

Department report was enclosed and reviewed. This was information only and no action taken.

10.3.1. Recreational Officer

No additional comments on the enclosed report. This was information only and no action taken.

10.3.2. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)

No additional comments on the enclosed report. This was information only and no action taken.

10.4. The Committee may convene into closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(e), to negotiate the purchase of 40 acres of real property.

Moved by Sleeter/Scanlan to convene into closed session. Motion voted on and carried.

10.5. The Committee shall return to open session, pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(2), to conduct all legal business, if any.

The Committee returned to open session at 10:34 AM.

10.6. Purchase of Daus Property – Town of Brazeau

Moved by Sleeter/Scanlan to recommend working with Corporation Counsel to draft an offer to purchase of the Daus property for \$25,000 and all closing costs to be paid for by the County. Motion voted on and carried.

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

None

12. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be December 5, 2023.

13. Adjournment

Chair Cole declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.