

The Environment and Land Use Committee met in Room A-200 of the Administration Center.

Present: Supervisors Dohrwardt, Hazelwood, Niehaus, Kaul and FSA Representative Dobberfuhl.
Staff: County Administrator Meaux, Land & Water Management Director Holschbach, Planning & Parks Director Struck and County Clerk Winkelhorst.

Absent: Supervisor Stumpf

Note: * FSA Representative vote included.

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda*: Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dohrwardt at 8:34AM. Assurance that the meeting was properly noticed, so noted by Ms. Winkelhorst. Motion made by Supervisor Hazelwood, seconded by Supervisor Niehaus to adopt the agenda as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Public Comments/Correspondence and Communications: There were none.

Approve Minutes from the April 3 Meeting*: Motion made by Supervisor Niehaus, seconded by FSA Representative Dobberfuhl to approve the April 3 minutes as submitted. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0).

Land & Water Management Department:

Action Items:

2009 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract*: Mr. Holschbach stated that the 2009 annual grant allocation from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection including the \$54,000 carryover is \$271,493.71. \$148,840 is monies for staff and support and \$122,653.71 for conservation projects. Mr. Holschbach further stated that grant funds are down from the previous year and there is some concern for the upcoming 2010 budget.

Motion made by Supervisor Niehaus, seconded by Supervisor Kaul to accept the 2009 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Letter to Joint Finance Committee to keep the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program under the Purview of the Department of Administration and Reinstate the Federally Funded Staff Positions to Manage the Program*: Mr. Holschbach stated that this letter is to support keeping the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program under the purview of the Department of Administration (DOA). The Governor is proposing to shift this program to the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Holschbach further stated that this is an exemplary program and should remain with the DOA. Discussion on the support that the County has received from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program.

Motion made by Supervisor Hazelwood, seconded by FSA Representative Dobberfuhl to support the letter and send it forward to the Joint Committee on Finance in Madison. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Management/Financial/Informational Reports: Mr. Holschbach reported that a complaint was received from the Department of Natural Resources regarding septic discharge into the right-of-way of Lake Church Road which flows to Sucker Creek. Five landowners in the area were sent letters requesting permission for the County to do a dye test to determine the source of the discharge. District 1 Supervisor Winker has also been notified. If source of septic discharge is not identified, the discharge point is planned to be plugged by the county to prevent further discharge. Discussion on the response to date from some of the landowners and the action that can be taken.

The Medication Take Back collection was held, through the Public Health Department, and 1,041 lbs. of non-controlled substances and 71 lbs. of controlled substances were collected.

The Land & Water Management Department will again be giving out scholarships for the youth conservation camps. Two \$50 scholarships will be given to 6-8 grade students to attend Camp Bird in Ma-

rinette County and two \$100 scholarships for high school students to attend Trails End Camp in Rusk County. These funds are utilized from the tree program to promote environmental education.

Mr. Holschbach distributed the financial report calling attention to a \$93,000 revenue deficit. This is pending from the Department of Administration which has been carried forward for the last three years. This is final compensation for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. The state holds back 25% until completed. This should be collected in 2009.

Planning and Parks Department:

Action Items:

Oversight of the Parks, Open Space and Natural Areas Acquisition/ Disposition Activities of the Planning and Parks Department per Sec. 27 Wis. Stats: Mr. Struck stated that this was previously discussed and the language has been provided in the resolution for the change to the Policy & Procedure Manual to reflect a joint meeting of the Public Works and Environment & Land Use Committees for acquisition and disposition activities. Included in the resolution is the exclusion of Highway right-of-way per Wis. Stats. 83.015. Mr. Struck noted that these were the only two clarification items mentioned at the last Public Works Committee meeting.

9:00AM Supervisor Rothstein in attendance.

Motion made by Supervisor Hazelwood, seconded by Supervisor Niehaus to approve the resolution recommending the change to the Policy & Procedure manual to conform with state statutes. This will be forwarded to the Public Works Committee for their approval and then to the County Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (4-0)

Supervisor Hazelwood provided an update on the fairgrounds.

Resolution Regarding the Establishment of a Land Preservation Board: Mr. Struck stated that this is the modified resolution that was previously discussed to confirm the language reference in the Policy & Procedure Manual. This also addresses the “groundwater recharge areas” which was omitted previously.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaul, seconded by Supervisor Niehaus to approve the resolution as presented. This will be presented to the Comprehensive Planning Board for action and then onto the County Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (4-0)

Supervisor Kaul noted that he received a letter from Bob Tillman addressing concerns with the resolution and the process of acquiring land. An invitation was extended to him to attend today’s meeting. Supervisor Rothstein has contacted him and is hoping to meet with him to address his concerns.

Discussion Item:

Treatment of Ash Trees for Emerald Ash Borer at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course and Waubedonia County Parks: Mr. Struck reported that a soil drench treatment with Imidacloprid was completed for all the ash trees at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course and some of the large ash trees within Waubedonia Park. A total of approximately 340 ash trees have been treated between Hawthorne Hills Golf Course (331) and Waubedonia Park (9). An inventory has been started on all the tree species at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course and staff is about halfway through the course. Of the 720 trees inventoried thus far, approximately 30% are Ash trees. The inventory is continuing.

9:20AM UW Extension Director O’Neil joined the meeting.

Discussion on the treatment, timing and the procedure.

Mr. Struck further reported that staff has noticed, during the tree inventory, Gypsy Moth egg masses present at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course. Treatment with an “oiling” of the egg masses will begin on that as well for those that have been identified and are within reach. The population of Gypsy Moth has been relatively dormant for a few years in this area. The numbers of Gypsy Moth are starting to increase again around the region and state. The Gypsy Moth egg masses will also be monitored into the future for a potential aerial application as was done several years ago.

Staff will be working with Girl Scout Troop 73 on planting trees today at Lion’s Den Gorge Nature Preserve.

Management/Financial/Informational Reports: Included in the packet. There were no further comments.

Register of Deeds/Land Information:

Management/Financial/Informational Reports: Included in the packet. There were no further comments.

University Extension Office:

Discussion Items:

Distribute Materials on Statewide WACEC Conference: Annual conference in La Crosse June 15-16.

Update on Family Living Position Vacancy: This has closed and there were 43 applicants in round number 2. Screening was done last week and two were selected to move forward to the preliminary interviews.

Management/Financial/Informational Reports: Included in the packet. There were no further comments.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, June 5 – 8:30AM

Adjournment: Motion made by FSA Representative Dobberfuhl, seconded by Supervisor Niehaus to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:15AM

Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk