

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

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

Others Present: Supervisor Stumpf, Josh Oderkirk- US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Bill and Sue Hass

Absent: Supervisor Dean

Note: * FSA Representative vote included.

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda*: Meeting called to order by Chairperson Niehaus at 8:30AM. Assurance that the meeting was properly noticed, so noted by Ms. Winkelhorst. Motion made by FSA Representative Dobberfuhl, seconded by Supervisor Dohrwardt to adopt the agenda as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Public Comments/Correspondence and Communications: Supervisor Stumpf commented that this committee has some oversight on the sale of the Hetzel Pit property, and that the charge was given when the natural area preservation plan was put in place to oversee that. He feels that part of that property was part of that natural area and that this committee should provide leadership in continuing to investigate that situation.

Approve Minutes from the May 7 Meeting*: Motion made by Supervisor Dohrwardt, seconded by FSA Representative Dobberfuhl to approve the May 7 meeting minutes as submitted. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0).

Land & Water Management Department:

Action Items:

Review/Approve Resolution-Acceptance of 2010-2011 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant for Sucker Creek Coastal Watershed Pilot Program: Mr. Holschbach explained that the next three items deal with the Sucker Creek Watershed. The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program provides grants for coastal areas. This is a grant for improving the water quality at Sucker Creek. The grant is a one year grant from July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011.

The resolution needs to be approved by the County Board for acceptance of the grant. The grant will assist the Land & Water Management Department's (LWMD) effort to improve the water quality of Sucker Creek. The overall water quality of Sucker Creek is fair to poor per the *State of the Sheboygan River Basin Report, October 2001*. Mr. Ziegler summarized his findings on the high bacterial loadings that were found at Harrington Beach in the Town of Belgium and the Upper Lake Park Beach in the City of Port Washington.

The grant would allow for the purchase of equipment, in particular a spectrophotometer, which will allow water quality testing in-house for phosphorus and nitrogen. There will be a savings by doing this testing in-house. Money will also be used for E-Coli testing, support existing staff, and a consultant. This is addressed later in the agenda.

8:34AM Ginny Plumeau, Senior Project Coordinator-Cedarburg Science, LLC joined the meeting.

Ozaukee County will partner with Sheboygan County Land & Water Conservation Department, our Public Health Department, Riverkeeper, Sheboygan River Basin Partnership, Riveredge Na-

ture Center, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and UW Extension Sheboygan River Basin Educator. Cedarburg Science will assist in helping to coordinate activities among the many partners.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaul, seconded by Supervisor Slater to approve the resolution for acceptance of the 2010-2011 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant for Sucker Creek Coastal Watershed Project and forward the resolution to the County Board for their approval. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Review/Approve Budget Amendment-Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant for Sucker Creek Coastal Watershed Pilot Project: Mr. Holschbach explained that the total amount of the grant is \$33,725. This is the budget amendment to administer the funds. The grant provides an opportunity to start a Sucker Creek Friends Group in an effort to engage local citizens in the work, water quality testing and monitoring, and development of a pollution prevention plan.

Motion made by FSA Representative Dobberfuhl, seconded by Supervisor Dohrwardt to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$33,725. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Review/Approve Professional Services Contractual Agreement for Sucker Creek Coastal Watershed Pilot Project Funded by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program: The amount is for \$11,625 for contractual services with Cedarburg Science. They will assist with project coordination and outreach, establishment of Friends Group, habitat assessment, inventory and map all identified outfalls and pipe discharges to the creek, assist with developing a water sampling plan, recruit volunteers etc. The contract references all services/deliverables.

Mr. Holschbach stated that he has worked with Cedarburg Science and they have a proven record of doing excellent work and excelling in these types of community outreach projects.

Motion made by Supervisor Dohrwardt, seconded by Supervisor Kaul to approve the contract with Cedarburg Science as submitted. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Discussion Item:

US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service Update, Josh Odekirk, District Conservationist: Mr. Holschbach introduced District Conservationist Odekirk, a federal employee, who works out of the West Bend field house and services both Ozaukee and Washington County.

Mr. Odekirk summarized the main programs that the Conservation Service provides such as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).

Management/Financial/Informational Reports: Mr. Holschbach commented that Sheboygan County is purchasing the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) Maintenance Program.

Reports included in the packet. There were no further questions.

Planning and Parks Department:

Action Item:

Review/Approve Application and Resolution for Ozaukee County to Be Recognized as a “Bird City” in Wisconsin: Mr. Struck is requesting approval to submit an application to be recognized as a “Bird City” in Wisconsin. This program is similar to “Tree City USA”. This is available to all local units of government including counties unlike “Tree City USA” which was only available to cities and villages. This would recognize the work that Ozaukee County has already been doing.

Mr. Struck reviewed the basic requirements to achieve initial annual certification- 1) creation and protection of habitat, 2) participation in programs promoting effective community forest management, 3) limiting or removing hazards to birds, 4) public education, and 5) International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD).

If Ozaukee County meets the criteria and is awarded certification as a “Bird City”, the recognition would be in the way of highway signage, a flag, a plaque, electronic version of the Bird City Wisconsin logo for placement on websites and publications, and a prominent announcement on the BirdCityWisconsin.org website.

The resolution recognizes some of the requirements that Ozaukee County has completed and requests that the County Board declare the second Saturday in May as International Migratory Bird Day.

This is the first year of the program; it is an annual certification with recertification every year if Ozaukee County can demonstrate that it continues to meet the needed criteria. There is a \$50 application fee. There is no obligation to spend any money, it is recognition on an annual basis and the County could opt out at any time.

Supervisor Dohrwardt commented that he is not in favor of this program. The County is doing many of these things by being self aware that these are good quality of life issues. He doesn't want to join in with all of these entangling alliances and that these are means by which the federal government would get local governments to do things that they want done but can't afford to do. Discussion.

Motion made by Supervisor Slater, seconded by Supervisor Kaul to recommend approval to the County Board of the resolution and to authorize the submittal of an application to Bird City Wisconsin by the Planning & Parks Department. The majority of members present voting aye. Motion carried. (3-1) Dohrwardt opposed.

Management/Information Reports: Mr. Struck stated that the supplemental funding for the existing Fish Passage Program that the committee authorized application for has been tentatively approved. The funding is for \$500,000 to be used towards the existing Fish Passage Programs and projects currently being worked on. The official notice hasn't yet been received.

As part of what has been done with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fish Passage Grant, the committee authorized submittal of three Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant applications in three different areas. There were over 1000 applications, 270 finalists were selected for a total of \$161M in competitive funding. Mr. Struck has been asked to submit final applications for two of the proposals. One proposal is the Wildlife Habitat Protection for an amount of \$1.5M that will be requested and the other is a proposal for additional monitoring in the Milwaukee River Watershed for just under \$500,000. Final applications must be submitted by the end of the month. He is expecting to know within 60 days if approved.

Mr. Holschbach congratulated Mr. Struck on his efforts as it is quite an accomplishment. The Land & Water Management Department had submitted an application for the Sucker Creek Watershed that was not accepted.

Mr. Struck thanked all the departments that assisted in the updating of the Ozaukee County Highway map which is now available. The Ozaukee Interurban Trail map, which was privately funded, is also updated and available.

Work has started on the Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County and will go before the Comprehensive Planning Board. Hopeful date for adoption is February or March 2011.

9:10AM Recess

9:17AM Reconvene. Register of Deeds Voigt and Land Information Officer Richards joined the meeting.

Register of Deeds/Land Information:

Action Item:

Creation of Ozaukee County Land Information Council: Ms. Richards stated that at the last meeting a discussion on the change in recording fees that was passed into law also has a requirement to establish a Land Information Council. The council would serve as an advisory committee to the Environment and Land Use Committee. This must be in place by June 25.

Ms. Richards provided a list of the required members and her recommendation of additional members. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is branching out into so many departments and if Ozaukee County wants to look at the bigger picture of where the County is headed, she feels that vested stakeholders should be involved in the process. The recommendation for the committee is as follows:

1. A County Board Supervisor
2. Treasurer
3. Register of Deeds
4. GIS Coordinator/Land Information Officer
5. Representative from the Sheriff's Department
6. Planning & Parks Director
7. County Surveyor
8. A representative from an emergency medical service provider employed within the County
9. A representative of the Ozaukee County Realtors Association employed within the County
10. Ozaukee County Emergency Management Director
11. A representative from the Public Health Department
12. Land & Water Management Director
13. A representative from a title company employed within the County
14. A representative from a municipal assessor
15. A representative from a local municipality

Supervisor Kaul questioned the intent of the council. Ms. Richards explained that this is part of the Wisconsin Land Information Program. The County receives extra monies from the Wisconsin Land Information Program from the recording of deeds. They want an oversight committee to oversee that the expenditures and policies that are done within the Land Records Modernization Program are being adhered to. This can be an advisory committee to this committee. It gives all of the stakeholders that deal with land information a voice in the expenditures and policies.

One of the first projects of the council would be to update the Land Records Modernization Plan that was developed in 2005. This needs to be updated every five years and must be done by October of 2010. Discussion on the time commitment needed and the makeup of the committee. Mr. Voigt recommends that all 15 people be included.

Motion made by Supervisor Dohrwardt, seconded by Supervisor Kaul to approve the creation of the Land Information Council with the 15 members as recommended by staff and that the County Board Supervisor be a member of the Environment & Land Use Committee. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (4-0)

9:40AM University Extension Director O'Neil joined the meeting.

Discussion Item:

Website Update: Ms. Richards is looking for input on the preview presentation of the GIS to the County Board that was held on May 19. A staff meeting with Technology Resources will be held to look at the viability of hosting in-house. Currently it is hosted by Ruckert-Mielke. Discussion.

Management/Financial/Informational Reports: Reports included in the packet. There were no further questions.

University Extension Office:

Management/Financial/Informational Reports: Mr. O'Neil reported that programs are going well. There is a summer intern working in the office having a small role in each of the program areas. Reports included in the packet. There were no further questions.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, July 9, 2010 – 8:30 AM

Adjournment*: Motion made by Supervisor Dohrwardt, seconded by Supervisor Kaul to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:58AM.

Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk