



MINUTES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020 – 8:30 AM
ADMINISTRATION CENTER - ROOM A-200
121 W. MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was held in room A-200 at the Administration Center.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
J. Rothstein	Chairperson	Present	
B. Jobs	Vice-Chairperson	Present	
D. Gall	Supervisor District 16	Present	
R. Holyoke	Supervisor District 22	Present	
B. Ross	Supervisor District 19	Present	
Mark Hilgendorf	FSA Representative	Present	

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Land & Water Management Director Holschbach, Planning & Parks Director Struck, Communities Extension Educator Ward, DOA Intern Uselding, Land Information Coordinator Richards, Policy & Budget Analyst Wittek (8:43am), Corporation Counsel Gorden (8:50am) and County Clerk Winkelhorst.

Others present: Jennifer Zierer - We Energies, John Daugherty - SunVest Solar Inc., Dan Benson - Ozaukee Press, Aaron Armstrong, Greg and Kristen Rausch.

2. PROPER NOTICE

Chairperson Rothstein called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The clerk noticed the meeting as required.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Jobs distributed an article on water quality.

Supervisor Ross read correspondence he received from Louise Schreiber and Greg & Kris Rausch speaking against the Solar Now Pilot Program at Mee-Kwon Park.

Aaron Armstrong spoke on behalf of the neighbors, who could not attend and requested him to, in opposition to the Solar Now Pilot Program.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 6, 2020

Motion to approve the February 6, 2020 minutes as submitted.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22**SECONDER:** B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson**AYES:** Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross, Hilgendorf**5. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE****a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports****1. UW Extension Written & Financial Reports**

Ms. Ward reported that Ms. Sarkady continues to work on the title and compensation program and was selected to participate in the National Leadership Development Program; Ms. Plaster received a grant to publish a resource guide on farm stress and continues to work with the Department of Trade and Consumer Protection on stress workshops across the state; and Ms. Hintz is working on 2020 4-H Summer Camp.

Information on 4-H Summer Camp and The Harbinger were distributed.

Ms. Ward further reported on her work with the non-profit agencies at the Family Enrichment Center.

8:43 AM Policy & Budget Analyst Wittek joined the meeting.

6. REGISTER OF DEEDS/LAND INFORMATION**a. Discussion Items:****1. GIS Update**

Ms. Richards announced that at the Annual Wisconsin Land Information Association Conference the interactive map for the Ozaukee Interurban Trail won first place in its category and a thematic map created with the Lakeshore Child Advocacy Group won second place.

The Land Information Office continues to work on the new GIS GeoHub and will be meeting today with staff on an interdepartmental website.

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports**1. Register of Deeds Reports**

There were no questions.

7. LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**a. Action Items:****1. Wisconsin Clean Sweep Contract - Household Hazardous Waste and Agriculture Collections***

8:50 AM Corporation Counsel Gorden joined the meeting.

Motion to approve the Wisconsin Clean Sweep Contract - Household Hazardous Waste and Agriculture Collections.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**SECONDER:** B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson**AYES:** Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross, Hilgendorf

2. Purchase of E-Z Trail Wagon Model 680 plus Fabrication to Transport Crimper*

Motion to approve purchase and fabricate Model 680 Trail Wagon utilizing approximately \$2,000 of tree account funds.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**SECONDER:** D. Gall, Supervisor District 16**AYES:** Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross, Hilgendorf

3. Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration*

The program is funded by the hunters and regulated by the state.

FSA Member Hilgendorf spoke against the program citing concern regarding applying for a permit and the requirement to have hunters on his property despite not collecting compensation from the program. Mr. Hilgendorf would like to see a policy change by legislators. Discussion and questions on the program and his concerns.

Mr. Holschbach understands the issue and will investigate further and get the perspective from hunters, farmers and others that it impacts. He will bring information back at a future meeting.

Motion to approve the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 1]**MOVER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**SECONDER:** B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson**AYES:** Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross**NAYS:** Hilgendorf**b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports**

1. Land & Water Management Reports*

Compaction Avoidance, No-til Planting and Planter Setup Clinic - April 2.

Soil Health Academy - April 7-8.

Nutrient Management Training Session - April 19.

Update on current legislation.

8. PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items:

1. Resolution: Approving Participation in the Solar Now Pilot Program

Mr. Wittek reviewed the resolution and documents in the packet which included terms of the agreement, benefit to the county, impact on Mee-Kwon Park and comments at the Public Information meeting for the neighbors on February 21.

Mr. Struck reviewed the design, concept plan and restoration plans. The installation specs were explained by Mr. Daugherty.

In response to a question, Mr. Wittek stated that this site was the best in the county due to the site being contiguous with all four acres and the necessary infrastructure. Other sites were proposed, but this site would maximize the county's participation in the program. This is the biggest installation in the Solar Now Program that the county would be allowed to retain which maximizes the revenue to the county.

Response to concerns that were raised under public comment: public toxicity of the panels, decrease of property values, site view from neighbors, and park usage.

Discussion on opportunities for planting and wetland enhancements.

Further discussion on return on investment, the county's objective, neighbors' concerns, consideration of other county properties and existing infrastructure.

Ms. Gorden referenced legal authority within the County Zoning Ordinance, permitting requirements in the Wisconsin Statutes and permitting process by the City of Mequon should be flushed out before moving forward.

Mr. Struck noted this project is a permitted use in County Zoning Ordinance and is an allowable use in park districts as well as other zoning districts of the county.

Ms. Rausch inquired as to why was the neighborhood was first told about the project two weeks ago. Mr. Dzwinkel explained that once the Public Works Committee, who has oversight of the Energy Action Commission, approved moving forward with the project, the public hearing was scheduled.

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing participation in the Solar Now Pilot Program with WEPCO (We Energies) and work toward finalizing site planning with We Energies and consultants. The resolution will move forward to the Public Works Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: FAILED [2 TO 3]**MOVER:** R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22**SECONDER:** J. Rothstein, Chairperson**AYES:** Rothstein, Holyoke**NAYS:** Jobs, Gall, Ross

2. Budget Amendment for a Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant for August 2018 Flooding Damages in the Ozaukee County Park System and Ozaukee Interurban Trail

10:34 AM Recess

10:41 AM Reconvene

Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$22,343 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for August 2018 flood damages in the Ozaukee County Park System and Ozaukee Interurban Trail. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 3/26/2020 8:30 AM**MOVER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**SECONDER:** B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson**AYES:** Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

3. Acceptance and Budget Amendment of a Wisconsin Department of Transportation Multimodal Local Supplement Grant to Re-Pave and Re-Shoulder Approximately 13 miles of the County-Maintained Portion of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail

The total grant award of \$668,493 compared to the requested amount of \$954,990 leaves the required match of \$392,617. The committee had recommended \$106,110 through the County Capital Project Fund. In addition, Mr. Dzwinel has recommended the \$185,000 that was set aside in 2019 for the Covered Bridge Project be applied and \$100,000 from Highway reserves, if needed.

Motion to approve the acceptance and increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$668,493 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Multimodal Local Supplement grant to re-pave and re-shoulder the County-maintained portion (approx. 13 miles) of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next:**
 3/26/2020 8:30 AM

MOVER: R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22

SECONDER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

AYES: Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

4. Budget Amendment for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - River Protection Planning Grant for Water Quality Monitoring Activities on Mole Creek and the Little Menomonee River and Creek in Ozaukee County

Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$10,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources River Protection Planning grant for water quality monitoring activities on Mole Creek and the Little Menomonee River in Ozaukee County. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next:**
 3/26/2020 8:30 AM

MOVER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

SECONDER: D. Gall, Supervisor District 16

AYES: Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

5. Submittal and Acceptance of a Natural Resource Foundation Besadny Conservation Fund Grant for Native Tree Planting in the Little Menomonee River Fish and Wildlife Area

Motion to approve the submittal, acceptance, and implementation of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Natural Resources Foundation Besadny Conservation Fund grant program to support native tree planting at the Little Menomonee River Fish and Wildlife Area.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

SECONDER: R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22

AYES: Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

6. Submittal and Acceptance of a Brookby Foundation Grant for Habitat and Public Access Improvements at Virmond, Mee-Kwon and Little Menomonee River Fish and Wildlife Area County Parks

Motion to approve the submittal, acceptance, and implementation of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Brookby Foundation for habitat and public access improvements at Virmond, Mee-Kwon and Little Menomonee River Fish and Wildlife Area County Parks.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22**SECONDER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**AYES:** Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

7. Resolution: Application and Acceptance of Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant Funding Through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Motion to approve the resolution for submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Local Assistance Program for ecologically sensitive Lake Michigan Public Access at Virmond County Park. The resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**SECONDER:** B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson**AYES:** Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

8. Submittal and Acceptance of a Natural Resources Foundation - Go Outside Fund Grant to Provide Experiential Learning Opportunities at Virmond County Park

Motion to approve the submittal, acceptance, and implementation of a grant by the Planning & Parks Department to the Natural Resources Foundation - Go Outside Fund to provide experiential learning opportunities at Virmond County Park.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22**SECONDER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**AYES:** Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

9. Submittal and Acceptance of a Bird City Wisconsin Grant for Bird Habitat Enhancement at Virmond County Park and Tendick Nature County Park

Motion to approve the submittal, acceptance, and implementation of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Bird City Wisconsin grant program for bird habitat enhancements at Virmond County Park and Tendick Nature County Park.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson**SECONDER:** R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22**AYES:** Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

10. Resolution: Application and Acceptance of Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Management Construction Grant Funding Through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Motion to approve the resolution for submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Management Construction Grant Program for stormwater management and green infrastructure at Mee-Kwon County Park. The resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22

SECONDER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

AYES: Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

11. Bid and Contract for Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course Sanitary System Replacements

Motion to award the bid to Mile Rock Site Solutions and approve the contractual services contract, contingent upon Corporation Counsel and County Board Capital Fund approvals, with Mile Rock Site Solutions, for a not to exceed sum of \$131,611, which includes a 15% contingency to cover any potential change orders, for sanitary system replacements in Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course (Pioneer Village).

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

SECONDER: B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

12. 2020 Planning and Parks Dept. – Golf Division Purchase of Four Fairway Mowers per the Received Quotes and 2020 Budget

Motion to approve the purchase of four used TORO 5010-H fairway units for the Planning and Parks Department - Golf Division from Reinders Inc. for \$115,960.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

SECONDER: R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22

AYES: Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

13. 2019 Golf Course Operations Summary and Recommended 2020 Golf Course Fees and Programs

Mr. Struck distributed and reviewed the five-year analysis on revenue for the golf courses. There is no proposed fee or revenue changes, rates remain competitive.

A new golf program was proposed as a wellness initiative for the employees.

Motion to approve the recommended Golf Course fees and programs for the 2020 golf season at Hawthorne Hills and Mee-Kwon Park Golf Courses.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: D. Gall, Supervisor District 16
SECONDER: B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson
AYES: Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

14. Resolution: Adopt Fredonia-Newburg Area Watershed-Based Plan

Plan identifies the priority projects to address water quality issues and impairments in the watershed and will allow the county to receive funding under Section 319. Staff has reviewed the plan and does not obligate the county to do anything. There are requirements that are separate from this regarding TMDL's.

If this is the first of many, there is concern by members that they have not reviewed the plan. Mr. Struck does not believe there is a downside to adopting the plan. There is no pressure to adopt in the next month. Once the plan is adopted would avail the county to applying for potential grant funds that would address our requirements under the TMDL.

Motion to postpone action on the resolution to adopt the Fredonia-Newburg Area Watershed Restoration Plan until April 2.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
RESULT: **POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 4/2/2020 8:30 AM**
MOVER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19
SECONDER: B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson
AYES: Rothstein, Jobs, Gall, Holyoke, Ross

b. Discussion Items:

1. Update on Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Acquisition

Discussion and questions on information given at the County Board meeting on March 4, 2020.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Planning & Parks Reports

Update on two (2) minor changes from the Town of Cedarburg on the reconstruction of the traffic bridge near the Historic Covered Bridge, those being extension of the guard rail on the south end and some aesthetic considerations. Mr. Struck did not have any concerns.

Update on improvements to access at Waubedonia County Park.

Presentation on the Ozaukee Interurban Trail at Route of the Badger meeting was well received.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, April 2, 2020

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Jobs, seconded by Supervisor Ross to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk

* FSA Representative Item