



MINUTES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022 – 9:00 AM
ADMINISTRATION CENTER - AUDITORIUM
121 W MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was held in the auditorium at the Administration Center.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
R. Holyoke	Chairperson	Present	
B. Jobs	Vice-Chairperson	Present	
B. Ross	Supervisor District 19	Present	
T. Matera	Supervisor District 7	Present	
K. Schoessow	Supervisor District 23	Present	
Rick Lanser	FSA Committee Member	Present	

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Planning & Parks Director Struck, Land & Water Management Director Holschbach, Extension Area Director Sarkady, Corporation Counsel Gorden, and County Clerk Winkelhorst.

Others present: Glacierland Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. Executive Director Kari Divine and Grazing Planner Kirsten Jurcek; and Midwest Farmland Protection Manager Angie Doucette.

2. PROPER NOTICE

Chairperson Holyoke called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The clerk noticed the meeting as required.

Chairperson Holyoke requested to move ahead in the agenda to accommodate Ms. Gorden's schedule. There were no objections.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Jobs shared events and articles from around the state that are similar to what this committee is undertaking.

4. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- a. Review of Open Meetings Law and Committee Responsibilities per Ozaukee County Policy and Procedure Manual

Ms. Gorden reviewed four areas of concern; 1) Placing items on a committee agenda; 2) Open Meetings Law; 3) Open Records; and 4) Ethics & Conflicts of Interest.

Chairperson Holyoke reverted to public comment.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. July 7, 2022

Motion to approve the July 7, 2022 minutes as submitted.

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**SECONDER:** K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23**AYES:** Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow, Lanser**6. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE****a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports**

1. UW-Madison Division of Extension Reports

Ms. Sarkady provided an update on activities at the County Fair and the resignation of the Community Development Educator.

Discussion on process for moving forward for this position. Ms. Sarkady will provide more information at the next meeting for further discussion as this topic is not listed on the agenda.

7. REGISTER OF DEEDS/LAND INFORMATION**a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports**

1. Register of Deeds Reports

There were no questions.

8. LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**a. Discussion Items:**

1. Proposed Revisions to Ozaukee County Shoreland & Floodplain Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Holschbach distributed and reviewed the required changes to the ordinance.

The ordinance changes will go to the Department of Natural Resources for review, then back to the committee for a public hearing possibly at the October 4 meeting, and once approved by the committee, then final action from the County Board.

2. Ozaukee County Soil Health Initiative*

Information on *What impedes adoption of soil health initiatives?* was distributed.

Discussion on soil health initiatives.

3. Retirement - Andy Holschbach, Land & Water Management Department Director*

Discussion on the different aspects of the Land & Water Management Department.

Consensus is to proceed with filling the director position and for the different aspects of the department to remain.

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Update, Kari Divine, Executive Director*

Information on Advancing Regenerative Farming Practices and Invasive Phragmites was distributed.

Ms. Divine provided the history on Glacierland Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. (RC&D) and their programs.

Ms. Jurcek spoke on the outreach programs.

2. American Farmland Trust Report, Angie Doucette, Midwest Farmland Protection Manager*

Ms. Doucette spoke to the initiatives that she is involved with.

3. Land and Water Management Reports*

Clean Farm Families will be receiving a reward from the Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership for their work.

Storage issues for the farm equipment.

Pollinator Workshop to be held on August 24.

10:40 AM FSA Committee Member Lanser excused.

9. PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items:

1. Submittal and Acceptance of a Natural Resource Foundation C.D. Besadny Conservation Fund Grant for Prairie Restoration Activities in Mee-Kwon County Park and Golf Course

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Natural Resources Foundation C.D. Besadny Conservation Fund grant program to support prairie restoration activities in Mee-Kwon County Park and Golf Course.

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RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

SECONDER: B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

2. Resolution: Application and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids Grant for Prairie Restoration Activities in Hawthorne Hills County Park

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 - County Conservation Aids Program to support prairie restoration activities in Hawthorne Hills County Park in the Town of Saukville. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**SECONDER:** K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23**AYES:** Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

3. Resolution: Application and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant for Forest Management Planning, Native Tree Planting and Inventory, Emerald Ash Borer Management and Education/Outreach Activities in Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve

Motion to approve the resolution for submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning & Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant program for forest management planning, tree planting and inventory activities, emerald ash borer management and education/outreach activities in the Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** T. Matera, Supervisor District 7**SECONDER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**AYES:** Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

4. Resolution: Authorize County Funded Short Term Bridge Loan Financing of \$1,050,000 for Closing on the Acquisition of 132 +/- Acres Known as Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve as Part of the Ozaukee County Park System

Mr. Struck reported on the appraisal and the grants reviews. He is confident that closing can be set and that the funds will be available. This resolution, per the committee's direction, would be in place in case a loan would be needed. The net contribution from the county will remain at the original \$200,000.

Motion to approve the resolution for Ozaukee County short term bridge loan financing for closing on the acquisition of 132 +/- acres known as Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve property as part of the Ozaukee County Park System. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** T. Matera, Supervisor District 7**SECONDER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19**AYES:** Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

5. Bid and Contract for Security Gates in the Ozaukee County Park System

One bid was received and the combined base bid price was for both electric service and installation of the security gates at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, Virmond County Park and Tendick Nature Park was \$148,855, which exceeds the ARPA award amount. The Department recommends rejecting the bid and rebid the electrical

work.

Motion to reject the bid for security gates in the Ozaukee County Park System.

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RESULT: DENY [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

b. Discussion Items:

1. Update on Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Pavilion, Covered Bridge County Park Pavilion, and HH Peters Youth Camp Building ADA Remodel Construction
Covered Bridge Pavilion is completed. Staff is working on landscaping.

Update on Lion's Den Gorge Pavilion and parking lot.

Update on the roof replacement on the caretaker's home at Waubedonia.

2. Update on Planning and Parks Capital Projects and Ecological Division Grant Projects

Update on invasive species and tree planting; and Fish Passage construction projects on Sucker Brook Creek.

3. Update on the Historic Covered Bridge at Covered Bridge County Park
4. Discussion on Revisions to Park Ordinance

Review of potential Park Ordinance revisions. Informational only

5. Discussion on Virmond County Park Public Access Stairway

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Planning & Parks Reports

Hosting Hartwig Memorial Golf Event at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course.

The department will have a booth at the County Fair.

Mr. Struck received the 2022 Achievement Award from National Association of Counties for the Little Menomonie River Fish and Wildlife Preserve.

Farmland Preservation Plan will need to be updated.

August 14 - Blue Grass Festival at Pioneer Village.

Golf course and parks revenue are doing well.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 8, 2022

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Ross, seconded by Supervisor Schoessow to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.

Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk

*FSA Committee Member Items