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AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

County Board Room

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

A quorum of the County Board may be present.

Materials: Minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting

9:00	1. Call to Order	Chair
	2. Approval of Agenda	O'Connell
	3. Approval of the Minutes for April 19, 2017	
	4. Public Comments	
9:10	5. Election of vice-chair for the Environment Services Committee	Dana Frey
9:20	6. Comments and committee information	Andrea Jerrick
9:35	7. Discussion of County priorities in the area of Environmental Services	& Tim Anderson
9:50	8. Review and discussion on comprehensive rewrite of Polk County Shoreland Protection Zoning Ordinance	Z A Kjeseth
10:20	9. Review and discussion of Functional Areas Assigned to the Committee for the purpose of scheduling Program Evaluation of functional Assigned Areas in Advance of the 2018 budget	Chair O'Connell
10:30	10. Identification of subject matters for upcoming meetings	
10:40	11. Adjourn	

Items on the agenda not necessarily presented in the order listed. This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk's office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential.



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MINUTES

Environmental Services Committee

Government Center County Board Room
100 Polk County Plaza Balsam Lake, WI 54810
9:00 A.M. Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chairman O'Connell at 9:04 A.M.

Members present

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kim O'Connell	Chair	Present
Tracy LaBlanc	Supervisor	Present
Kate Isakson	Supervisor	Present
Brad Olson	Supervisor	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Present
Dale Wood	Citizen	Present

Also present were Stephanie Fansler, Deputy Polk County Clerk; Sara McCurdy, Director of Land Information; Dana Frey, Administrator; Jason Kjeseth, Zoning Administrator; Tim Ritten, Director of Land and Water; Amanda Nissen, Treasurer; and members of the public.

Approval of Agenda- Chair O'Connell called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion** (Edgell/Olson) to approve the agenda. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes – Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting. **Motion** (Wood/Isakson) to approve the minutes. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment- None

Consideration of Nominees to Fill Vacancies on Amery Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation Board of Commissioners and Horseshoe Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Board of Commissioners- committee confirmed appointments of Tracy LaBlanc to Horseshoe Lake PRD and Kate Isakson to Amery Lakes PRD.

Subject Matters for Upcoming meetings - May 3, 2017 Elect Vice-Chair, discuss Comprehensive Plan.

Public Hearings - Chair O'Connell called upon Jason Kjeseth to conduct a public hearing regarding a district change in the Town of Alden. Kjeseth provided a map and spoke on the Bruce Haus request to rezone 7.07 acres from Residential-Agricultural 5 (RA-5) to Small Business Commercial (B-3) located in: part of the NW ¼ of Sec 6/T32N:R17W, Town of Alden, Parcel # 002-00126-0000. Chair O'Connell asked for public comments. Comments in support of the request were received from the owners and six neighbors spoke in opposition to the request. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:45 A.M.

Kjeseth provided and completed the findings of fact and conclusions of law. **Motion** (Isakson/LaBlanc) to approve and recommend passage to the full County Board carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chair O'Connell called for a break at 9:57 A.M. Chair O'Connell declared meeting back in session at 10:09 A.M.

Public Hearing – Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance. Chair O'Connell opened the Public Hearing at 10:10 A.M. Tim Ritten began discussion by reviewing several changes to definitions suggested by WDNR regarding the revised Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance. After initial discussion public comments were received. Mike Garvey, Dale Wester, and Rick Wester gave testimony regarding the ordinance. After testimony was received Mr. Ritten addressed the questions and comments raised. The Public Hearing was closed at 11:45 A.M. The Committee submitted findings of fact.

Motion (Edgell/Isakson) to approve and recommend passage to the full County Board carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chair O'Connell called for a break at 11:04 A.M. Chair O'Connell declared meeting back in session at 11:15 A.M.

Discussion and consideration of rescinding Resolution 71-96 – Treasurer Nissen discussed the Ordinance, which gives a taxpayer and additional 90 days to repurchase property they have lost due to back taxes. Discussion with the committee was to leave as is or reduce the timeline. Committee decided to revisit the issue in the fall. Treasurer Nissen also answered questions relating to the tax foreclosure process and the number of properties that end up in the County's name.

Present information/status of County owned properties- the committee received information from Administrator Frey regarding the action being taken to pursue sales of county owned property and the potential value of the sales.

Motion (Isakson/Edgell) to adjourn. Chair O'Connell declared meeting adjourned at 11:57 A.M.

Respectfully submitted

Stephanie M. Fansler,
Deputy Polk County Clerk

To all County Board Committees and Boards
May 2017

Key Issues Identification

- 1) New Highway Shop
 - a. Gain efficiencies in the building systems compared to existing
 - b. Vehicles can last longer is the facility allows for better care and storage areas for them indoors
- 2) What is the County's role in tourism?
 - a. Is agri-tourism an option?
 - b. What are the regulatory impediments to increased tourism?
 - c. What can be done at the county?
 - d. ATV's and Trails are opportunities
- 3) Parks
 - a. We have nice parks
 - b. Existing county parks lack camping facilities, especially for 5th wheel, travel trailer style camping
- 4) Public Safety working on mental health issues
 - a. Options other than prison time or incarceration for those dealing with mental health issues
 - b. Suicide prevention
- 5) Law Enforcement Coverage
 - a. Is there enough support; are staffing levels correct?
 - b. Costs of providing current level of service?
 - c. Cost of providing increased level of service?
 - d. Response times
 - e. Other options/solutions that could be explored to improve or achieve desired coverage
- 6) Road Conditions
 - a. What is the most appropriate rating system to achieve the goals of good roads?
 - b. Allocate proper funding to maintain desired road conditions
 - c. Look at overall condition of roads and reducing the number of low-quality roads
 - d. Is the rating system and level appropriate to achieve the road conditions we want
 - e. Condition of the state highway fund

Environmental Services Committee
May 4th, 2016

Key Issues Identification

- 1) What policies, plans, ordinances, etc., need to be updated and when?
 - a. Schedule of when they need to be updated including:

1. Date adopted
2. Date update is due
- 2) Template of workplan from Dana's presentation with info from outside agencies (WestCAP, West Central Regional Planning Commission, etc.)
- 3) Impact of Stillwater Bridge
- 4) Transportation
 - a. Commuting facilities and options
- 5) Drug Use and Substance abuse
- 6) Issues around the aging population
 - a. Services provided

Health and Human Services Committee
 May 10th, 2016

Key Issues Identification

- 7) Mental Health
 - a. Why is suicide rate double?
- 8) Transportation
 - a. Effectiveness of roads and bridges
 - b. Cost of maintenance of roads and bridges
 - c. Replacement costs
- 9) Public Protection
 - a. Providing safety through cooperation with towns, cities and villages
- 10) Recreation
 - a. More sales tax money
 - b. Tourism
- 11) Maintain and Improve Water Quality
 - a. Will help improve and increase tourism
- 12) Big Box Stores versus Downtown Revitalization
 - a. How do they compete?
- 13) Senior Citizens and Veterans
 - a. Facilities to serve their needs
 - b. Lack of resources
- 14) Educational Opportunities
 - a. Why is school enrollment declining?
 - b. Post-secondary school/education in the county
 - c. Cooperation of area high schools and WITC
 - d. Senior educational opportunities
 - e. Community educational opportunities
 - f. Strong internet and communication facilities/services needed for distance learning and use of telemedicine to remotely connect on health issues

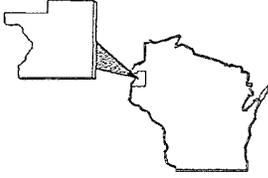
- 15) Substance abuse problems/issues
 - a. Drug and alcohol addictions
- 16) Marketing and promotion of the county
- 17) Clear identification of the county role on issues
- 18) How can the county partner with other units of government, non-profits, etc. to achieve desired outcomes?
- 19) Increased vector-born disease due to climate change

General Government Committee

May 12th, 2016

Key Issues Identification

- 1) Mental Health
 - a. Community safety
 - b. How to get dignified places for residences for those with mental health issues
 - c. Homelessness
- 2) Aging population
- 3) Updating county services for the future
 - a. Improving services
- 4) Lack of higher education opportunity in the county
- 5) Relationship of the county with municipalities
 - a. Specifically the impact the county has on the Village of Balsam Lake
- 6) Youth leaving the county
 - a. They leave due to
 - 1. Life amenities like trails, recreation opportunities, etc. that are available elsewhere.
 - 2. What can we do about this and how could we capitalize on providing opportunities that would keep the youth here
- 7) Staying on top of providing and maintaining necessary county infrastructure
 - a. Like roads: keep all of them in good condition with proper maintenance
- 8) Land use balance
 - a. How to accommodate additional people and development while maintaining the rural life and aspects of rural life that attract people here and keep people here.
- 9) Economic Development
 - a. Need good jobs with good pay
- 10) Connection between economic development and education/post-secondary educational opportunities
- 11) Technology/Communication services
 - a. Need for high-speed internet more universally
 - b. Phone connectivity
 - c. Others
- 12) Housing for the elderly



**POLK COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT**

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Monthly Report, April 27, 2017

Runoff Management, Resource Management and Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) (c/s=cost shared)

Current

- Turner water and sediment control basin (c/s) design and construction plan complete
- Turner gully repair (c/s) design complete
- Williams pit closure (c/s) bid selected, waiting for contractor to begin
- TRM grant application submitted for Roger Neumann manure pit (may c/s)
- TRM grant application submitted for Nick Johnson manure pit (may c/s)
- 8 farmers participated in nutrient management farmer written program (c/s)
- Assisted St. Croix Summit with cover crop presentation

Upcoming

- Bone Lake gully repair
- Deer Lake project

Lake Protection

Current

- Conducted zebra mussel (AIS) workshop, 70 attended
- Clean Boats Clean Waters training, 10 attended
- Blake Lake Management Plan complete
- Completing projects and grant obligations as assigned

Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation

Current

- Administering program per NR135
- Fees collected in Jan. and sent to DNR in March
- 63 active permitted mines

Upcoming

- 2 mines plan to complete final reclamation this year

Contracted Services

Current

- Parker Creek culvert replacement, meeting with Trout Unlimited and Town of Alden

Conservation Administration, Wildlife Damage

Current

- Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program ongoing
- Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance to County Board in May

Mission Statement: To preserve, protect and enhance our natural resources



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Public Comment- None

Election of Vice-chair – Chair O'Connell called for nominations for the position of vice-chair of the Environmental Services Committee. Hearing none, O'Connell nominated Brad Olson. Second by Isakson. **Motion** by Edgell/Isakson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Brad Olson as Vice-Chair. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Review and discussion on Comprehensive rewrite of Polk County Shoreland Protection Zoning

Ordinance- ZA Kjeseth reviewed the Proposed Ordinance. The proposal of 4/19/17 should come up for review in August, 2017.

Chair O'Connell called for a break at 9:52 A.M. Chair O'Connell declared meeting back in session at 10:05 A.M.

Comments and Committee information- Committee received a PowerPoint presentation from Administrator Frey regarding the process of policy making and setting priorities for the County to guide departments as to their focus for budget preparation.

Discussion of County priorities in the area of Environmental Services-

Committee received Key Issues Identification hand-out, with issues identified as top priorities from Environmental Services Committee for the County in 2016, from County Planner Anderson and Deputy Administrator Jerrick. Committee discussed and identified new/additional issues for the focus of the County. Anderson compiled the following updated list of key issues:

Key Issues

- 1) Updating of policies and ordinances
- 2) Information on outside agencies
 - a. Might be dealt with this year
- 3) Transportation
- 4) Drug and substance abuse
- 5) Aging population
- 6) Land use issues related to potential for increased development
- 7) Review of county owned properties
- 8) Improve opportunities to increase tourism
 - a. Improve maintenance of county parks
 - b. Maximize use of county parks
- 9) Streamlining county services to improve customer service

Review and discussion of Functional Areas Assigned to the Committee- no items brought forward.

Subject Matters for Upcoming meetings – June (from the work plan) Lime Quarry review and Museum and Tourism. July (from the work plan) Illegal transport of Aquatic Plants and Invasive Animals.

Chair O'Connell called for a **motion** to adjourn **.Motion** (Isakson/Edgell) to adjourn. Chair O'Connell declared meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

Respectfully submitted

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