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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, October 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

A quorum of the County Board may be present

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Kim O’Connell
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes for October 9, 2019
4. Public Comments – 3 minutes per person – not to exceed 30 minutes total
5. Receipt of Information on Matters Noticed from Supervisors not Seated as Committee Members
6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amendments and Final Technical Budget Amendments to 2020 Operating and Capital Budget
7. Tax Delinquent Properties
8. Update and Possible Action on disposition of Woodley Property
9. Update and Possible Action Regarding Offers on Glacier Ridge Properties ID #281-01396-000 and 281-01399-000 near Menard’s
10. Parks, Recreation and Trails, and Dams
11. Update on Trail Consultant
12. Zoning
13. Discussion regarding creating a strategic plan for the development of a Temporary Moratorium on Livestock Facilities
14. Review and Discussion on Possible Amendments to the Polk County Shoreland Protection and Comprehensive Land Use Ordinances Regarding CAFOs as a Conditional Use Permit
15. Review and discussion of Functional Areas assigned to the Committee for the Purpose of scheduling Program Evaluation of Functional Assigned Areas
16. Committee Calendar and Identification of Subject Matters for Upcoming Meetings
17. 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, October 9, 2019

Member Attendance

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kim O'Connell	Chair	Present
Tracy LaBlanc	Supervisor	Present
Doug Route	Supervisor	Present
Brad Olson	Vice Chair	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Present
Lyle Doolittle	FSA Representative	Present

Also present were Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk; Nick Osborne, County Administrator; Malia Malone, Corporation Counsel; Emil Norby, Highway Commissioner; Tina Riley, Administrative Assistant – Parks and Buildings; Mark Gossman, Forest Administrator; Jason Kjeseth, Zoning Administrator; Tim Anderson, County Planner; Kristen Bruder, Area Extension Director; Ben Elfelt, Parks and Trails Coordinator; Dean Johansen, County Board Supervisor; Chad Roberts, Chief Deputy; Maggie Wickre, Finance Director; Lisa McMahon, Emergency Management Director; and members of the public.

Meeting called to order by Chair O'Connell at 9:02 A.M.

Approval of Agenda- Chair O'Connell called for a motion to approve the amended agenda.
Motion (LaBlanc/Route) to approve the amended agenda, carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes – Chair O'Connell called for a **motion** to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting. **Motion** (Route/LaBlanc) to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting as published carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Ten public comments were received by the Committee

Receipt of Information from Supervisors not seated as Committee Members on Matters

Noticed – Information was received from Supervisor Johansen who is not seated as a committee member. Committee received information from Supervisor Johansen regarding Resolution No. 33-19 which he sponsored.

Budget Report and Annual Budget Recommendations and Amendments Regarding Functions

Assigned to Committee - Chair O'Connell recognized Administrator Osborne for the purpose

of receiving information regarding the 2020 Budget proposal. Budget agenda items #6 and #7 will be moved on the agenda for consideration after #14 Zoning on agenda.

Tax Delinquent Properties

Chair O'Connell recognized Administrator Osborne for the purpose of receiving information regarding the tax delinquent properties. Committee received an update from Administrator Osborne regarding the status of the GreenWhey property located in Turtle Lake and the status of the sale to Viresco. Court paperwork went through in early September so Viresco is now the owner. Payment plan will begin January 1, 2020.

Committee received an update from Highway Commissioner Norby regarding unsolicited offers received for tax delinquent properties near Menards on Highway 8. Item for next meeting will be added to the agenda regarding acceptance or non-acceptance of offers.

Update regarding Woodley Property: The Committee received information from Administrator Osborne that work is ongoing regarding the former Woodley property.

Forestry

Chair O'Connell recognized Forest Administrator Mark Gossman for the purpose of receiving information. The committee received an update regarding the Sterling Tower, including involvement of the County, historical society, AT&T and DNR and the issue of tearing down the tower. Corporation Counsel Malone provided information to the Committee regarding the Tower and possible action that may be needed on the part of the County.

The committee received information from Forest Administrator Gossman regarding goals for the Polk County Forestry Department that are included in the 2020 Annual Work Plan.

Chair O'Connell brought to the floor, for discussion and possible action, Resolution No. 42-19: Resolution to Adopt 2020 Polk County Forest Annual Work Plan.

Motion (Edgell/Olson) to approve Resolution No. 42-19 and recommend to the County Board for passage, carried by unanimous voice vote.

The committee received information from Forest Administrator Gossman regarding the 2020 County Forest Variable Acreage Share Loan and Resolution No. 41-19.

Chair O'Connell brought to the floor, for discussion and possible action, Resolution No. 41-19: Resolution to Authorize 2020 County Forest Variable Acreage Share Loan.

Motion (Olson/LaBlanc) to approve Resolution No. 41-19 and recommend to the County Board for passage, carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion (Olson/Edgell) to recess carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair O'Connell called for a recess at 10:11 a.m. Chair O'Connell called the meeting back in session at 10:24 a.m.

Chair O'Connell brought to the floor, for discussion and possible action, Resolution No. 33-19: Resolution Creating Polk County Ordinance Regarding Temporary Moratorium on Livestock Facilities. Supervisor Johansen provided information earlier to the committee regarding the resolution. Discussion by committee.

Motion (Olson/) to move Resolution No. 33-19 to the County Board without recommendation. Supervisor Olson withdrew his motion to allow Supervisor Route to make a discussion point regarding the resolution. Previous motion then reiterated by Supervisor Olson. Due to lack of a second, Supervisor Olson's motion died.

Motion (Route/Edgell) to move Resolution No. 33-19 to the County Board with recommendation for passage. Discussion. Chairman O'Connell called for a voice vote on said motion. **Motion** carried by majority voice vote with 5 voting for and 1 opposed.

Chair O'Connell brought to the floor, for discussion and possible action, Resolution No. 36-19: Resolution Creating Polk County Ordinance Regarding Temporary Moratorium on Large Scale Hog/Swine Farming Facilities. Discussion.

Motion (Route/LaBlanc) to move Resolution No. 36-19 and recommend to the County Board for passage with possible amendments by County Board, carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Invitation to Tour Turnip Rock Farm in Clear Lake – Chair O'Connell brought to the floor, for discussion and possible action, the invitation to tour Turnip Rock Farm in Clear Lake. Committee received information from Administrator Osborne regarding the invitation.

Motion (Route/LaBlanc) to have Administrator Osborne set up a tour to the Turnip Rock Farm carried by unanimous voice vote.

Supervisor Olson exited the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The Committee received updates regarding trails from Parks and Trails Coordinator Ben Elfelt. Elfelt provided an update on the public survey responses and comments on surveys regarding outdoor recreation (in relationship to the Outdoor Recreation Plan). Public hearing will be held regarding the Outdoor Recreation Plan with a resolution following for committee approval.

The Committee received an update on the Atlas Dam from Parks & Trails Coordinator Elfelt. The County is moving forward to complete the municipal dam grant process.

Committee received an update from County Planner Tim Anderson regarding the Trail Consultant and upcoming future processes/steps. A public meeting tabling event will be held November 22, 2019 in Amery, WI and stakeholder meetings will be held at a future date.

Chair O'Connell recognized Zoning Administrator Jason Kjeseth for the purpose of presenting possible amendments to the Polk County Shoreland Protection and Comprehensive Land Use Ordinances regarding CAFO's as a conditional use permit for discussion by the committee. The committee received information from Zoning Administrator Kjeseth regarding pending revisions to Chapter 51 regarding state laws and regulations for CAFOs in regard to increased setbacks and odor control. The committee received information from Zoning Administrator Kjeseth and engaged in discussion regarding possible amendments to existing zoning ordinances adding CAFOs as a conditional use and options for a siting ordinance.

Motion (Edgell/Doolittle) to recess carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair O’Connell called for a recess at 11:51 a.m. Chair O’Connell called the meeting back in session at 12:05 p.m.

Budget Report and Annual Budget Recommendations and Amendments Regarding Functions Assigned to Committee - Chair O’Connell recognized Administrator Osborne for the purpose of receiving information regarding the 2020 Budget proposal. Committee received detailed information regarding the 2020 Budget proposal from Administrator Osborne, including a Tax Levy Change Summary.

Motion (Route/LaBlanc) to amend the 2020 Administrator’s Budget proposal to reinstate the County Planner position carried by unanimous voice vote of those present.

The committee received information from Administrator Osborne regarding additional funding requests for the 2020 Budget. Tourism is requesting an additional funding amount of \$5,000 for a new website.

Motion (Route/Edgell) to deny additional funding request for the 2020 Budget by Tourism Council in the amount of \$5,000 for a new website carried by unanimous voice vote.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. Future agenda items: 2020 Operating and Capital Budget final technical amendments, Parks, Recreations and Trails and Dams: Trails updates, Update regarding Atlas Dam, Update and Possible Action Regarding Woodley property, Tax delinquent properties – Menards properties and offers, Sterling Tower update (if any changes).

November 6, 2019 meeting: Budget final technical amendments, Outdoor Recreation Plan Resolution.

Chairman O’Connell called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion** (Edgell/LaBlanc) to adjourn. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair O’Connell declared meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jorgenson
County Clerk