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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, March 11, 2020

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: Malia Malone, Corporation Counsel; Vince Netherland, County Administrator; Emil Norby, Highway Commissioner; Jason Kjeseth, Zoning Administrator; Tim Anderson, County Planner; Ben Elfelt, Parks and Trails Coordinator; Bob Kazmierski, Environmental Services Division Director; members of the public; and member of the press.

Meeting called to order by Chair O'Connell at 9:04 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 February 19, 2020 meeting. **Motion** (Olson/Edgell) to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting as published, carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – 8 public comments were received by the Committee.

Receipt of Information from Supervisors not seated as Committee Members on Matters Noticed – None.

Tax Delinquent Properties - Highway Commissioner, Emil Norby provided the committee with an update regarding Woodley Property, committee agreed to send it to County Auction.

Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Dams

Trails update: Committee received information from Parks and Trails Coordinator Ben Elfelt, reviewing draft of Master Plan of the SSLT. Seasonality (May 1 through November 10-horses permitted); Speed Limits (10 mph from Amery to County C) and Special Events were considered. RFP's have been sent out for Cattail Bridge re-decking

Forestry

Committee received an update from County Forester Mark Gossman, Review Chapter 900. Agenda item moved to end of agenda.

Chairman O'Connell called for a ten minute recess at 10:13 a.m. Chair O'Connell called the meeting back in session at 10:30 a.m.

Public Hearing

- Storage Solutions LLC request a conditional use via Article 8.E.6. of the Polk County Shoreland Protection Zoning Ordinance for additional mini storage building and relocation of outdoor storage area. Location: 1494 State Hwy 35, Lot 1, CSM Vol 4/Pg 5, Sec 24/T34N/R18W, Town of St Croix Falls, Parcel #044-00579-0100, 4.55 acres. Robert and Jasmine Yunk, owners. Leslie Borst, neighbor, expressed concerns over lighting issues on his property directly to the East. No other objections were received.

Motion: (Olson/Route) to approve application on condition that any exterior lighting on proposed building or outdoor storage area be shielded or directed in a way to prevent any light from going to the east; carried by unanimous voice vote.

Zoning and Land Information

- a. Chairman O'Connell recognized Zoning Administrator Jason Kjeseth for the purpose of CAFO Moratorium Update
 - a. Director Kazmierski reported on the development, by staff, of researched-based document to present at next ESC meeting (March 25, 2020) with emphasis on impacts to Groundwater, Surface Water, Public Health, and Air Quality.
- b. Discussion and Recommendation to the County Board on the Proposed Amended Polk County Shoreland Protection Zoning Ordinance with Swine CAFO prohibition in shoreland areas as provided for in Resolution 03-20. Motion (Olson/Route): recommendation to send amendment restricting CAFO's from developing within Shoreland Zoning Districts to County Board. Motion: passed unanimously.
- c. Committee recommended replacing 'Director' with 'Land Information Officer' and/or 'Zoning Administrator', and 'County Surveyor' within the Polk County Chapter 18 subdivision ordinance, and set a Public Hearing date at March 25th Committee meeting.
- d. Olson presented a comprehensive analysis of the negative environmental impacts of human activities, particularly regarding municipalities; including municipal spills, pharmaceuticals in waste water, salt/sand pretreatment to roads and snow removal storage sites.

Chairman O'Connell called for a recess at 11:45 a.m. Chair O'Connell called the meeting back in session at 12:00 p.m.

Forestry: (Continuation from 8 a)

Forest Administrator Gossman continued presentation of Chapter 900 (Recreation) of the 15-year Comprehensive Forest Land Use Plan. Discussion to put in place a more formal agreement (MOU) with Gov. Knowles and Sterling Township on the trail system in that area. Need to incorporate policy 54-17 (Deer Stands) and other Ordinance changes to align with 15-year Comprehensive Forest Plan. Seasonal permits for trailers and camping restrictions (no more than 14 days) on County land. Campers will report to County Forester prior to camping. Discussion of ATV trail development and comprehensive trail network planning. Any new ATV trail development will require the ATV clubs/associations to

provide trail plan, funding sources, proposal for operations and maintenance, and notice to County Forester. All proposals will be considered by Environmental Service Committee. Loop trails are allowed but discouraged.

Divisional Form of Government update: none

Committee Calendar & Identification of Subject Matters for Upcoming Meetings

AGENDA ITEMS: MARCH 25, 2020 9:00 A.M.

ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON AGENDA:

Tax delinquent properties: Update and Possible Action Woodley property, Updates on other tax delinquent properties/sales

Parks, Recreation, Trails and Dams: Consolidation of Public Input for Stower Trail. Report for re-decking of the Cattail Bridge.

Forestry: Chapters 700-800

Zoning & Land Information: CAFO Moratorium Development Work Updates, report presentation

Outdoor Recreation Plan: Parks Presentation (Ben Elfelt)

Divisional Form of Government: update

Chairman O’Connell called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion:** (Edgell/Olson) to adjourn. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair O’Connell declared meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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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, March 11, 2020 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 February 19, 2020
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. Tax Delinquent Properties
 - a. Woodley Property Update
7. Parks, Recreation and Trails, and Dams
 - a. Review draft of Master Plan of the Stower Seven Lakes Trail
8. Forestry
 - a. 15 Year Comprehensive Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan- Chapter 900

Public Hearing

The Polk County Environmental Services Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 at 10:00am in the Government Center (County Board room), Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, to consider the following and other agenda items:

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9. Zoning and Land Information
 - a. CAFO Moratorium Update
 - a. Development of internal work group and report
 - b. Discussion and Recommendation to the County Board on the Proposed Amended Polk County Shoreland Protection Zoning Ordinance with Swine CAFO prohibition in shoreland areas as provided for in Resolution 03-20.
 - c. Consideration of replacing ‘Director’ with ‘Land Information Officer’, ‘Zoning Administrator’, and ‘County Surveyor’ for subdivision approval authority under Polk County Chapter 18 subdivision ordinance
 - d. Discussion on the negative environmental impacts of human activities, other than agriculture, in Polk County
 10. Committee Calendar and Identification of Subject Matters for Upcoming Meetings
 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.