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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF:

- March 17th Polk County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- March 16th Public Hearing Re: Stower Seven Lakes Trail Master Plan

Please be advised that the Polk County Board of Supervisors regular County Board meeting at the Government Center on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and the Public Hearing regarding Stower Seven Lakes Trail Master Plan at Unity School on Monday, March 16, 2020 are both cancelled, and will be rescheduled at a later time.

Please read the letter from County Board Chairman, Dean Johansen, on page two of this notice for further details.

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Based upon advice from our Public Health Department the County Board Meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, March 17th, 2020, is being postponed. Similarly, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health, Public Health Division has recommended that any meetings that have the potential for exceeding 250 total attendees should be avoided. Unity School District has also communicated the need to cancel and reschedule the Public Hearing on the Stower Seven Lakes Trail Master Plan that was previously set for Monday, March 16th, 2020 at the Unity School auditorium. This is based upon direction from the State Department of Health. Please keep in mind that these decisions are being made out of an abundance of caution.

At the time of the drafting of this press release, no confirmed case of the Covid-19 virus have been identified in Polk County. The safety and security of our citizens, our staff and our elected and appointed officials is our central concern. We also know that the issues surrounding the Stower Trail and topics on the County Board Agenda are important to many citizens and we want to ensure that we hold these meetings at a time when everyone who wants to share their viewpoints feels safe and comfortable. Understanding that some citizens who would otherwise want to speak to important issues may decide to stay away. This decision to postpone meetings will help to ensure maximum input from the public.

As soon as we have information regarding the potential reschedule dates/times, they will be communicated. We are extremely grateful for the hard work being done by County staff to keep everyone informed and safe. Please understand that this is a fluid issue and circumstances may change. Thank you for your concern and understanding during this time.

Sincerely,

Dean Johansen
County Board Chair

CC: Polk County Board of Supervisors
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