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AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING

CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Government Center

County Board Room

Balsam Lake, WI 54810

9:00 a.m. Wednesday April 15th, 2015

Purpose: Review and action on selected items as listed below
Documents: Minutes of April 1st, 2015

ITEM	LEAD PERSON
Call to order	Committee Chair
Approval of agenda Approval of minutes for April 1 st , 2015	
Public comment	
New business	
1. Governor's 2015-2017 Biennial Budget 2. Polk County and Burnett Yearly Working Agreement	Director of LWRD/ Tim Ritten
3. Develop Report and Recommendation to County Board on Polk County Zoning Ordinance, A Comprehensive Revision. Covering p 65 Section 10.6.7 Shoreland Overlay District. Committee may cover additional sections of the ordinance if time allows. Pursuant to Section 59.69(5), the Committee will develop its report and recommendations to the County Board on the proposed ordinance. The Committee may review public testimony on the proposed draft ordinance; receive staff recommendations on same and direct further modifications to the draft ordinance prior to forwarding recommendation to the County Board.	Committee Chair
4. Future agenda items- Next meeting May 6 th , 2015	Committee members
Adjourn	

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MINUTES

Conservation, Development, Recreation and Education Committee

County Board Room

Balsam Lake, WI 54810

9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 1st, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman O'Connell @ 9:10 A.M.

Members present

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kim O'Connell	Chair	Present
Craig Moriak	Vice Chair	Present
Warren Nelson	Supervisor	Present
Dean Johansen	Supervisor	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Present
Dale Wood	FSA Rep	Present

Also present Tammy Peterson, Executive Secretary, Dana Frey, County Administrator, Tim Anderson, County Planner, Jeff Fuge, Corporation Counsel and Nancy Snouffer, Zoning Administrator

Approval of Agenda: Chairman O'Connell called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. **Motion** (Edgell/Nelson) to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25th, 2015 meeting. **Motion** (Johansen/Wood) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

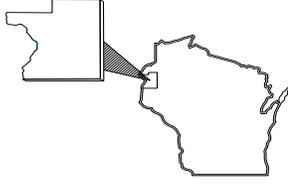
New Business:

County Administrator Frey went over questions on issues as contained in written monthly and quarterly reports. Mr. Frey stated the LiDAR funds of \$50,000 have been received.

Chairman Kim O'Connell stated the committee will discuss Article 5, p 51 Section 10.5.6 (I-M), and Sections 10.6.1 – 10.6.6 Shoreland Overlay District.

Future Items: Next meeting April 15th, 2015

Motion (Johansen/ Nelson) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.



POLK COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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April 15, 2015

State of Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance

Senate Chair Alberta Darling

317 East, State Capitol

PO Box 7882

Madison, WI 53707-7882

Subject: Governor's 2015-2017 Biennial Budget

Dear Joint Committee on Finance:

Polk County contains an abundance of lakes and rivers, which drive a large part of our local economy through tourism and provide the majority of the real estate tax base. Unfortunately we continue to see these natural resources continue to degrade. Another six Polk County lakes have been added to the DNR Impaired Waters List, all due to excess phosphorus.

The Polk County Land Conservation Committee strives to implement state programs regarding control of nutrient runoff, which in this county is primarily from agricultural sources, but the task is large and our staff and financial resources are small. We respectfully request that the proposed 10% cut to the joint DATCP/DNR local staffing grant to be reinstated. Even at that rate the staff support is not adequate.

We also have initiated a promising new approach to agricultural runoff control, in the form of a local farmer led watershed council. This effort holds promise to accomplish a significant level of agricultural runoff reduction through peer to peer coaching, learning, and leading by example, while the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department provides guidance and technical assistance to the council.

We applaud the inclusion of \$250,000 in the Governor’s Budget to assist farmer led watershed councils. There is, however, a related problem in the budget regarding University of Wisconsin staff that assist in the farmer led effort. They are most notably the Outreach Specialist Farmer Led Watershed Coordinator for UW Extension, Julia Olmstead, who manages four farmer led watershed councils in our area of western Wisconsin, and a Nutrient Pest Management Program Northwest Regional Specialist, Paul Kivlin, working closely with the councils to collect edge of field runoff data. We respectfully request that funding for those two positions be reinstated.

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We also request that the rules regarding use of the \$250,000 include a requirement that the farmer led watershed councils using this money must work closely with local Land Conservation Departments (LCD) and Land Conservation Committees (LCC) in the county or counties in which the watershed is located.

Close connection to the LCD’s and LCC’s, being statutorily required to administer conservation programs at the local level, ensures state taxpayer money going into the program will be used in a financially sound and documented manner to promote and coordinate with state and local programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Governor’s 2015-2017 Biennial Budget.

Sincerely,

Polk County Conservation, Development, Recreation and Environment Committee, including and acting as the Polk County Land Conservation Committee,

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AGREEMENT

Agreement made this first day of January, 2015 between the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department, herein after known as Polk, and the Burnett County Land and Water Conservation Department, hereinafter known as Burnett:

1. It is acknowledged between the parties that Polk presently has a full-time technical staff which Polk agrees to make available to Burnett occasionally upon reasonable advance notice for the purposes and upon the conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Burnett shall reimburse Polk for said technical staff's time at the rate listed below;

Conservation Planner I - II \$42.47 per hour Water Quality Specialist \$30.85 per hour

Cons. Planner/Technician \$33.04 per hour Professional Engineer \$55.28 per hour

Info/Education Coordinator \$34.61 per hour

These rates include salary and fringes for the calendar year of 2015, and these rates include a 10.4% indirect cost/administrative fee. This hourly rate shall constitute the only compensation paid to Polk by Burnett for the use of such technical staff. Also, Burnett will pay \$.50 per mile for use of Polk's vehicle. *Note: Wages subject to county actions.

3. It is acknowledged and agreed between the parties that said technical staff shall be a full-time employee for Polk and shall provide services to Burnett as an independent contractor. It shall be the responsibility of Polk to pay all salaries and fringe benefits for said employee and to provide all necessary insurance coverage required for said employee, including worker's compensation and liability insurance.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the technical staff to furnish their own tools of the trade and any and all equipment and materials which they may need to use in the performance of their duties for Burnett, except as otherwise agreed to between the parties.

5. The technical staff shall perform all necessary duties required for each program area to the standard specification of the Natural Resources Conservation Service Technical Guide, if applicable.

6. This agreement shall apply to any projects in Burnett County on an as needed basis. Schedule of work will be agreed upon by the Burnett and Polk County Conservationists.

7. The term of this agreement shall be for one year with funding contingent, and it shall be reviewed on an annual basis upon the same terms and conditions unless otherwise agreed to between the parties.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015

POLK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

By _____

BURNETT COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

By _____



MINUTES

Conservation, Development, Recreation and Education Committee

County Board Room

Balsam Lake, WI 54810

9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 15th, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman O'Connell @ 9:09 A.M.

Members present

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kim O'Connell	Chair	Present
Craig Moriak	Vice Chair	Present
Warren Nelson	Supervisor	Present
Dean Johansen	Supervisor	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Present
Dale Wood	FSA Rep	Absent

Also present Tammy Peterson, Executive Secretary, Tim Anderson, County Planner and Nancy Snouffer, Zoning Administrator

Approval of Agenda: Chairman O'Connell called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion** (Johansen/Nelson) to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1st, 2015 meeting. **Motion** (Edgell/Moriak) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

New Business:

Director of LWRD, Tim Ritten provided a comment letter written to the State of Wisconsin in regards to the Governor's 2015-2017 Biennial Budget. **Motion** (Edgell/ Nelson) to approve Director Ritten to mail letter to State of Wisconsin. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Ritten stated he is working on a resolution on a yearly working agreement between Polk and Burnett County. He will bring forward at the next committee meeting.

Chairman Kim O' Connell stated the committee will discuss Article 6, p 65 Section 10.6.7 thru 10.6.8 in Additional Regulations and 10.6.8 Administrative Procedural Regulations. An updated draft containing the preliminary changes the committee has made to date will be reviewed at their next meeting.

Future Items: Next meeting May 6th, 2015, consider and recommendation on transferred certain assigned functions from committee to other standing committees.

Motion (Johansen/ Nelson) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.