Land Resources and Environment (LRE) Committee members present: M. Krueger, D. Polivka, R. Nelson, R. Curry, P. Kinsman, B. Lohr, V. McAuliffe, R. Puttkamer


Absent: None

At 9:00 a.m. Krueger called the Land Resources and Environment Committee meeting to order and certified to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Adopt agenda: Motion by Lohr/McAuliffe to adopt the agenda with items 10 (Subdivision Plat) and 11 (Lake Management Grants) moved up to follow item 5 (Communications). Motion carried, all in favor.

Adopt minutes of previous meetings – July 17 and July 28: Motion by Polivka/Curry to approve the July 17 and July 28 LRE Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried, all in favor.

Public Comment:
D. Ouimet spoke in favor of revoking CUP 10-2019 due to a flawed approval process.
M. Ouimet spoke in favor of revoking CUP 10-2019 due to violations.
(See registration slips.)

Communications:
Wilson reviewed the communications received:
  a. Well monitoring study from UWSP
  b. Rath email
  c. Donohoe email

Presentation of County Cost Share Projects. Schlupp showed a PowerPoint presentation of 2019 projects that received $80,000 of county cost share funding.

Land Records:
  a. Department report and updates: Fleischmann presented department report and reviewed with the Committee.
  b. Review and approval of vouchers: Motion by McAuliffe/Polivka to approve vouchers in the amount of $343.25. Motion carried, all in favor.
  c. Discussion and possible action on 2021 Land Records Modernization budget. Fleischmann provided a copy of the LRM budget and reviewed with the committee. Motion by Curry/McAuliffe to approve LRM budget and forward it to the Administrative Coordinator for review. Motion carried, all in favor.
Register of Deeds:
a. Department reports and updates. Bailey reviewed his department report and updates.
b. Review and approval of vouchers. Bailey presented ROD vouchers. Motion by McAuliffe/Nelson to approve vouchers in the amount of $12,614.66. Motion carried, all in favor.
c. Discussion and possible action of 2021 ROD budget. Bailey provided the 2021 Register of Deeds budget for review. Motion by McAuliffe/Nelson to move the 2021 Register of Deeds budget to the Administrative Coordinator for review. Motion carried, all in favor.

Land Resources and Environment Department:
a. Department reports and updates. Wilson reviewed the department report and provided updates to the committee.
b. Review and approval of two sets of vouchers. Wilson reviewed the department vouchers. Motion by McAuliffe/Curry to approve the vouchers for the Conservation Congress in the amount of $1,400.00 and the regular department vouchers in the amount of $81,007.87. Motion carried, all in favor.
c. Review and possible action on the proposed 2021 Land Resources and Environment budget. Wilson reviewed the preliminary budget.

Discussion and possible approval of a preliminary subdivision plat and a development plan for Foster’s Shore Estates being part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, the NE ¼ of the SW ¼, the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ and the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 4, and part of Government Lot 7, Section 9 all in T10N, R7E, Town of Merrimac containing 60.52 acres. Simmert presented the staff report and conditions for approval of the preliminary subdivision plat. Nelson stated his concern with the treatment of the effigy mounds and vegetative management plans. J. Valerius, a consultant with MSA, commented on the vegetative management. Motion by Polivka/Curry to approve the preliminary plat and development plans as described with the four conditions listed. Motion passed: Six in favor; one opposed (Nelson)

Discussion and possible action on Lake Management Grants. Wilson reviewed Lake Management Grant applications and how the ranking was accomplished. Newport spoke on behalf of the Friends of Dutch Hollow Lake of their request. Mittelstadt spoke about the need for design and weir repair on Meadowlark Bay and Swallow Bay on Lake Redstone. Keegstra spoke about funding for the plan for stream sampling in the Lake Redstone Protection District. Motion by Polivka/Kinsman to approve the grant requests as recommended by staff: Lake Virginia -- $1,589.51; Swallow Bay -- $4,000; Meadowlark Bay -- $7,500; Lake Redstone Protection District -- $29,000.00; Friends of Dutch Hollow Lake -- $7,910.49. Motion passed, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action on Clean Sweep Program. Bula presented the costs to the county when latex paint is accepted at Clean Sweep events. Suggestions were made to present more signage and educational materials explaining how to dispose of latex paint, which is not considered hazardous waste. Motion by Lohr/McAuliffe to discontinue collection of latex paint at Clean Sweep events and to distribute an educational flyer stating safe disposal guidelines. Motion passed: Seven in favor; one opposed (Curry).
Discussion and possible action on White Mound Master Plan Work Plan. Fowler reviewed the work plan for the White Mound Master Plan. Motion by Lohr/Nelson to approve the work plan. Motion passed, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action on ATV/UTV usage at White Mound County Park. Stieve explained the need to move the off-road ATV/UTV access to on-road access in order to avoid erosion and incompatible use with other users. Motion by Puttkamer/Curry to proceed with the process necessary to move the trail. Motion passed, all in favor.

Reports
a. Natural Resources Conservation (NRCS) -- No report
b. Farm Service Agency (FSA) – No report
c. Foresters – No report.
d. Economic Development Committee – Krueger reported the EDC would like to repurpose the remaining CDBG funds for a park at Bluffview. The Tri-County Airport is working on a plan to address flooding in the area. The plan will assist in seeking funding to mitigate flooding. Jared Pinkus has been working on a citizen survey regarding the economic impact of COVID-19.
e. Mirror Lake District – Krueger reported Waldo Peterson will be retiring from the Mirror Lake Board this month. Wild rice is growing on one end but sediment is filling in deltas on the other end.
f. Lake Virginia Management District – Nelson stated the annual meeting is September 11.
g. Lake Redstone Management District – Kinsman said final details are being completed with the dredging contractor. The annual meeting is on August 29.

Next meetings of the Land Resources and Environment Committee will be held on Tuesday, August 25, and Thursday, September 10, 2020. Motion by Polivka/McAuliffe to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Curry, Secretary