

SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Land Resources and Environment Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 8, 2024
Room 213 - Sauk County West Square Building

Land Resources and Environment (LRE) Committee members present: M. Krueger, D. Polivka (zoom), V. McAuliffe, B. Spencer, P. Kinsman, B. Lohr, L. Eberl

Others present: L. Wilson, M. Schlupp, B. Simmert, J. Alt, R. Meyer, K. Felton, B. Bailey, W. Christensen

Absent: R. Puttkamer (Excused)

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

Adopt agenda - Motion by Lohr / Spencer to adopt the February 8, 2024 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopt minutes of previous meetings – January 23, 2024 - Motion by McAuliffe / Eberl to approve the January 23, 2024, LRE Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried, unanimously.

Public comment – No public comment

Communications – Farmland Preservation Plan listening sessions are planned and a flyer noting the dates, times, and locations is on Granicus.

Surveyor – Surveyor is not present. Motion by Lohr / Kinsman to lay item # 6 on the Table.

Land Records

- a. Register of Deeds Department Report. – K. Felton provided the Land Records Department report.
- b. Review and approval of vouchers. – K. Felton presented the vouchers in the amount of \$936.00. Motion by Kinsman / Lohr to pay vouchers in the amount of \$936.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Register of Deeds

- a. Register of Deeds Department Report. – B. Bailey provided the Register of Deeds Department report.
- b. Review and approval of vouchers. – B. Bailey presented 2024 ROD vouchers in the amount of \$8,388.72. Motion by McAuliffe / Kinsman to pay Register of deed vouchers in the amount of \$8,388.72. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Discussion and possible action on ROD Department 2023 Year End Report. – B. Bailey presented the Register of Deeds 2023 Year End Report. Motion by Eberl / McAuliffe to receive the Register of Deeds 2023 Year End Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Land Resources and Environment

- a. LRE Department Report – L. Wilson provided the LRE Department report.
- b. Review and approval of vouchers. – L. Wilson presented the 2023 vouchers for Conservation and Planning & Zoning in the amount of \$692.72, 2024 vouchers for Conservation and Planning & Zoning in the amount of \$13,284.76, 2023 vouchers for Parks in the amount of \$37,220.58, and 2024 vouchers for Parks in the amount of \$6,184.00. Motion by Spencer / Eberl to pay 2023 & 2024 vouchers for Conservation and Planning & Zoning in the amount of \$13,977.48 and 2023 & 2024 vouchers for Parks in the amount of \$43,404.58. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discussion and possible action on LRE Department 2023 Year End Report. – M. Schlupp, B. Simmert, J. Alt and L. Wilson presented the LRE 2023 Year End Report. Motion by Spencer / Eberl to receive the Land Resources and Environment 2023 Year End Report. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Discuss and Approve/Deny 2023 Wildlife Damage Claims. – P. Peterson presented 2023 Wildlife Damage Claims. Motion by McAuliffe / Spencer to approve payment for the 2 submitted Wildlife Damage Claims for 2023 in the amount of \$7,558.17. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Discussion and possible action on Amendments to the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment (LRE) Cost-Share Program and Bid Policies and Guidelines. M. Schlupp presented amendments to the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Cost-Share Program Policies and Guidelines. Motion by Kinsman / McAuliffe to approve amendments to the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Cost-Share Program Policies and Guidelines as presented. M. Schlupp presented amendments to the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Bid Policies and Guidelines. Motion by Eberl / Lohr to approve amendments to the Sauk county Land Resources and Environment Bid Policies and Guidelines as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. PRD 01-2024 – Levi Troyer, is requesting approval to create a 5-acre development lot. If approved, the PRD lot will coincide with the placement of a preservation area easement on 30 acres of land. Lands affected are located in the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 5, T11N, R4E, Town of Westfield, Sauk County, and as further described in PRD 01-2024. Tax parcel identification number 040-0092-00000, and currently owned by Nature Valley Properties LLC. – W. Christensen presented the staff report, background, and history. W. Christensen stated that the Town of Westfield Town Board recommended approval of the Planned Rural Development lot and placement of a preservation area easement on January 8, 2024. The LRE Staff also recommends approval. Motion by McAuliffe / Eberl to approve PRD 01-2024 for Levi Troyer to create a 5-acre development lot and the placement of a preservation area easement on the remaining 30 acres as presented based on the findings of fact and conclusion of law, subject to the staff analysis, and subject to conditions as noted in the staff report. Motion carried, unanimously.
- g. Update on the GSST master planning process. - B. Simmert gave an update on the GSST master planning process.
- h. Discussion and possible action on a work plan to update the Sauk County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. – B. Simmert provided a work plan to update the Sauk County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion by McAuliffe / Kinsman to approve the work plan to update the Sauk County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as provided. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Discussion and possible action to authorize further engineering services and next steps for the retaining wall near the Great Sauk State Trail in the Village of Prairie du Sac. L. Wilson opened discussion to further the engineering services and next steps for the retaining wall near the Great Sauk State Trail in the Village of Prairie du Sac.
- j. Discussion and possible approval for LRE Director to sign a letter of support for funding and reauthorization for the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) in the 2024 Farm Bill. – M. Schlupp requested approval for the LRE Director to sign a letter of support for funding and reauthorize the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) in the 2024 Farm Bill. Motion by McAuliffe / Kinsman to approve the LRE Director to sign a letter of support for funding and reauthorize the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative in the 2024 Farm Bill. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – No one present.
- b. Farm Service Agency (FSA) – No one present.
- c. Foresters – No one present.
- d. Economic Development Committee – M. Krueger noted that a meeting was held at Cardinal in Spring Green via phone call.

- e. Mirror Lake Management District – M. Krueger reported a grant approximately \$9,000 has been awarded.
- f. Lake Virginia Management District – L. Eberl there is nothing to report
- g. Lake Redstone Protection District – P. Kinsman noted there is a meeting next week.
- h. Southern Area Association – WI Land and Water – P. Kinsman noted there is nothing to report.
- i. Extension Education, Arts & Culture Committee – V. McAuliffe noted an Agricultural Educator position has been posted.

Next meeting dates – Tuesday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Spencer / Lohr at 11:11 a.m. Motion carried, unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Lohr, Secretary