

**SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Land Resources and Extension Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 9:00 am**  
**Room 213 Sauk County West Square Building**

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

**Others present:** L. Wilson, T. Kabat, M. Schlupp, B. Simmert, J. Alt, W. Christensen, R. Meyer, J. Fleischmann, B. Bailey, A. Hady, S. Parsons, J. Gurgel., T. McCumber.

**Absent:** R. Puttkamer (excused).

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman M. Krueger called the Land Resources and Extension Committee meeting to order. LRE staff certified the meeting to be compliant with Open Meetings Law.

**Adopt agenda** – Motion by McAuliffe / Eberl to adopt the March 12, 2026, agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adopt minutes of previous meeting – January 27, 2026** - Motion by Kinsman / Lohr to adopt the January 27, 2026, LRE Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried, unanimously.

**Public comment** – No public comment.

**Communications** –

- a. **Town of Merrimac notice regarding discontinuance of South Lake Road.** T. Kabat presented a notice from the Town of Merrimac regarding discontinuance of South Lake Road as a public right-of-way and upcoming April 15<sup>th</sup> public hearing. It was noted South Lake Road is the southern entrance into Devil's Lake State Park.
- b. **Driftwood Estates Concept Plat.** T. Kabat presented the Driftwood Estates Concept Plat and informed the group that the developer is working on a proposal to address groundwater for the development. T. Kabat also shared the 2026 Pasture Walk schedule and noted there will be six (6) pasture walks this year. T. Kabat informed that the 2026 native plant sale is live online until May 8<sup>th</sup> and that the Parks & Recreation annual egg hunt is underway. T. Kabat handed out the Wisconsin Land and Water 2025 annual report and noted that Sauk County is well represented in this state-wide association.

**Land Records**

- a. **Land Records Department Report.** J. Fleischmann presented the Land Records Department report.
- b. **Review and approval of vouchers.** – J. Fleischmann requested payment of the vouchers in the amount of \$3,672.46. Motion by Eberl / Spencer to approve vouchers for the Land Records Department in the amount of \$3,672.46. Motion carried, unanimously.
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action on Land Information/GIS Department 2025 Year End Report.** J. Fleischmann presented the Land Information/GIS Department 2025 Year End Report. Motion by Kinsman / Spencer to receive the Land Information/GIS Department 2025 Year End Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**Register of Deeds**

- a. **Register of Deeds Department Report.** B. Bailey presented the Register of Deeds Department report.

- b. **Review and approval of vouchers.** – B. Bailey requested payment of the vouchers in the amount of \$6,503.00. Motion by Polivka / McAuliffe to approve vouchers for the Register of Deeds in the amount of \$6,503.00. Motion carried, unanimously.

### **Extension Education**

- a. **Educator Program Report: Stacy Parsons, 4-H Youth Development.** S. Parson provided an update on the Sauk County 4-H Youth Development programs.
- b. **Discussion and Possible Action on carryforward funds from 2025 to 2026 for Extension.** – A. Hady presented UW-Extension 2025 to 2026 carryforward request in the amount of \$11,360. Motion by Polivka / Kinsman to approve carryforward funds in the amount of \$11,360.00 from 2025 to 2026 for the UW-Extension Department. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Discussion and Possible Action on Extension 2025 Year End Report.** A. Hady presented the UW Extension 2025 Year End Report. Motion by Polivka / McAuliffe to receive the UW Extension 2025 Year End Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. **Review and approval of vouchers** – A. Hady presented vouchers in the amount of \$4,206.58 for UW-Extension Education. Motion by Kinsman / Spencer to approve vouchers in the amount of \$4,206.58 for UW-Extension. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Land Resources and Environment**

- a. **LRE Department Report** – T. Kabat presented the LRE Department February 2026 report.
- b. **WI River Recreation Bridge Update.** T. Kabat gave an update on the WI River Recreation Bridge construction progress and shared a time lapse video.
- c. **Review and approval of vouchers** – T. Kabat presented vouchers in the amount of \$39,913.78 for Land Conservation and Planning & Zoning, and vouchers in the amount of \$27,688.23 for Parks and Recreation. Motion by Lohr / Eberl to approve all sets of vouchers in the amount of \$67,602.01 for the Land Resources and Environment Department. Motion carried, unanimously.
- d. **Discussion and Possible Action on Land Resources and Environment Department 2025 Year End Report.** M. Schlupp, B. Simmert, and J. Alt presented a summary and highlights of their service areas of the Land Resources and Environment Department's 2025 Year End Report. Motion by McAuliffe / Kinsman to receive the 2025 LRE Department annual report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. **Discussion and possible action on carryforward funds from 2025 to 2026 for the Land Resources and Environment Department.** T. Kabat requested carryforward funds in the amount of \$2,329,777.00 from 2025 to 2026 for the Land Resources and Environment Department. Motion by Polivka / Prosser to approve carryforward funds in the amount of \$2,329,777.00 from 2025 to 2026 for the Land Resources and Environment Department. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. **Review and discussion of LRE Department's 2026 capital improvement projects.** T. Kabat presented a Gantt chart showing the Land Resources and Environment Department's 2026 capital improvement projects.

M. Krueger noted that Supervisor McAuliffe has left the meeting at 10:40am.

- g. **Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution to Authorize the Director of Land Resources and Environment to Accept Multi-Discharge Variance Funding; and amending the 2026 Budget.** T. Kabat requested approval of a Resolution to Authorize the Director of Land Resources and Environment to Accept Multi-Discharge Variance Funding; and amending the 2026 Budget. Motion by Polivka / Eberl to approve a Resolution to Authorize the Director of Land Resources and Environment to Accept Multi-Discharge Variance Funding; and amending the 2026 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. **Discussion and possible action to approve a conditional use permit for a Planned Rural Development (PRD) lot for Jase Engel, located in Section 19 and Section 20, T12N, R4E, Town of Reedsburg, pursuant to Chapter 7 Subchapter IX, of the Sauk County Code of Ordinances.** W. Christensen presented a conditional use permit for a Planned Rural Development lot for Jase Engel, located in the Town of Reedsburg, Sauk County. Motion by Lohr / Eberl to approve a conditional use

permit for a Planned Rural Development lot for Jase Engel, located in the Town of Reedsburg, Sauk County Based upon the findings of facts and conclusions of law, subject to the staff analysis, and recommend conditions as contained in the report. Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Discussion and Possible Action on Sauk County Cost Share Program Policies and Guidelines.** T. Kabat presented Sauk County Cost Share Program Policies and Guidelines. Motion by Prosser / Lohr to approve the Sauk County Cost Share Program Policies and Guidelines as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports**

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – None
- b. Farm Service Agency (FSA) – None.
- c. Foresters – None.
- d. Economic Development Committee – M. Krueger shared that a report on the County’s marketing programs for 2025 and an overview of 2026 was provided, followed by an update on current discussions with the Sauk County Development Corporation (SCDC), campus redevelopment planning, and approval of the arts and humanities grants. L. Eberl noted that Christmas Mountain is being rebranded by Hilton Grand around the end of June.
- e. Mirror Lake Management District – B. Prosser reported on the Mirror Lake dredging project and noted that an evaluation is underway looking at damages done during dredging.
- f. Lake Virginia Management District – M. Krueger noted they will not meet until the last Saturday in March.
- g. Lake Redstone Protection District – P. Kinsman noted the group is promoting the County’s plant sale for shoreline property owners, also noted that the LRPD is happy with Mitch and the work he is doing.
- h. Southern Area Association – P. Kinsman noted the Wisconsin Land and Water 2025 annual report.

**Next meeting dates** – Tuesday, March 24, 2026, and Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 9:00am

**Adjournment** – Motion by Polivka / Prosser to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie McAuliffe, Secretary