

Minutes
Forest County Land & Water Resources Committee
Thursday, January 19th, 2017
Crandon Library
110 W. Polk Street
Crandon, WI 54520

1. **Call to Order:** The call to order was given by Chairman Karl Tauer at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** The roll was called, members present were: Karl Tauer, Lance Laabs, Al Marvin, Ron Karl and Steve Bunda. Others present were Paul Millan, Pam LaBine and Jeannie Fannin. Members of the audience included: Michael Childers, Sandy Verhulst, Grant Verhulst, Peter Tomasi, Del Baumgartner, Matt Dallman, Ron Eckstein, Kirk Mueller, RT Krueger, Mary Meier, Dave Meier, Peter Davison, and Ron Krueger.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Al Marvin to approve the agenda, second by Lance Laabs. All in favor, motion approved.
4. **Approval of Last Minutes:** The committee did not have the minutes from the Dec. 7th meeting. They will be brought to the next meeting. Jeannie Fannin informed the board that there was a mistake in the November 10, 2016 minutes. Motion by Lance Laabs to amend the November 10 minutes to include a motion by Steve Bunda to strike conservation easements from the shoreland zoning ordinance permit charts, second by Al Marvin. All in favor, motion approved.
5. **Discussion and Possible Action on Status of Ordinance work. :** Pam LaBine told the board that we are having trouble getting correspondence from the Corp. Council regarding our ordinance. Paul Millan will call Paul Payant regarding this issue. Steve Bunda suggested that Pam call Kay Lutze with the DNR and see if she can give any advice regarding our ordinance. He also suggested we contact any other counties that have their ordinances approved and get a copy to compare to ours. Pam informed the committee that as of the December meeting of NEWCCA the DNR had not certified any county ordinances.
6. **Land use presentation by Grant Verhulst:** Grant Verhulst, Vilas County Supervisor and Zoning Committee Chairman gave a presentation on conservation easements. There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of these easements. Al Marvin informed the audience that the committee is not planning any action at this time. They are just trying to be educated on the subject. If anyone would like to address the committee regarding this issue it will be welcomed.
7. **Year End Financial Reports Discussion:** Jeannie Fannin explained the final permit counts and total receipts for 2016.

8. **Discussion and Possible action on Office and personnel hours of Work:** Al Marvin proposed to the committee new hours for the Land and Water Resource office. There will be no additional hours to staff. The operational hours of the office would be 7:00 A.M through 5:30 P.M. Pam and Bill will still be at 40 hrs. per week and Jeannie will be 35hrs per week. The staff will rotate one day off per week. Mr. Marvin also read from the employee handbook regarding Dept. heads determining the hours of work for their department. This will be re-evaluated after 3 months to see how it is working. Ron Karl stated that the courthouse hours are 8:30- 4:30, Jeannie informed him that there are some offices that are already working 8:00- 5:00. Motion by Ron Karl to send this on to personnel as long as all the staff is willing to work this schedule, second by Al Marvin. All in favor, Motion approved.

9. **Items for the Next Meeting or of Concern to committee Members:** Items for the next meeting will be the shoreland ordinance and also to invite a representative from the Connor family to discuss their conservation easement. The next meeting will be February 7th at 5:00P.M.

10. **Adjourn:** Motion by Steve Bunda to adjourn, second by Al Marvin, All in favor motion approved.

Submitted by:

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