

FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS-COMMITTEE
DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM, ROOM 107

CALL TO ORDER

Ron Karl called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Land Conservation-Land Information-GIS Committee: Ron Karl, William Chaney, Tom Tallier, Brian Piasini, Steve Kircher, Kayla Littleton, Sandy Beauchaine

Absent: Cindy Gretzinger, Jamie Anderson

Land Information Council: None in attendance

Absent: Christy Conley, Rick Denton

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Wessel, from NCWRPC

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Chaney to approve agenda, seconded by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment; None in attendance

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES from the August 24, 2022, Joint Land Conservation and Land Information - GIS Committee. Motion by Chaney to approve the August 24, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

LAND CONSERVATION

There was a discussion on the Forest County Comprehensive Plan with Sam Wessel, from NCWRPC. Wessel discussed the draft of Chapters 5, 6 and 7 that were handed out to the committee for review and if there were any changes or additions that the Committee would like to have done.

Tallier discussed Chapter 4; Weight Restrictions

There was a brief discussion on the new WI weight limit for axles. Wessel will add additional wording in the section regarding the axles and will update the committee at our next meeting on what he come up with.

Wessel updated the committee that the changes and additions to Chapters 3 & 4 have been done per their request.

Chapter 5: Previous Studies – PFAS was discussed in length and that the PFAS threshold is set by the DNR. Tallier spoke on having two (2) tribes here in Forest County that have to meet EPA standards and the rest of the county are under State standards. Tallier asked Wessel to find out what standards does the County need to follow. Wessel will look into this and update the committee at our next meeting on what he finds out.

Tallier informed committee that the conference he attended at Wisconsin Dells went very well, but that there were a lot of unanswered questions due to the fact that the State is still trying to understand the effects of PFAS and what can be done as we move forward. Tallier also asked what does the county need to do regarding the PFAS filters, and if we should get recycling involved in this. Committee agreed that this should be looked into. Wessel informed committee that the Comprehensive Plan can be amended at any time. Wessel will look into any grants for clean up and update the committee at our next meeting.

Chapter 5: State Trails Network Plan; Segment 2

There was a discussion on the maintenance and who is responsible for it. Chaney informed committee that the ATV Club does the maintenance on the trail and parking lot.

Chapter 5: State Trails Network Plan; Segment 56

There was a discussion on the Argonne to Shawano (Wolf River State Trail), and the committee agreed that this segment should be **reworded. (changed from removed to reworded)**

Chapter 5: Public Safety

There was a discussion on the Wabeno Police Department's K-9 unit, and the committee agreed that this segment should be removed.

Chapter 5: Parks and Trails

There was a discussion on trails; page 100 by Kircher. Committee agreed that paragraph two (2) regarding Motorized Recreation Area (MRA) be removed.

Chapter 5.3 DRAFT Goals, Objectives, & Policies

There was a discussion on the policies objectives on the 18,000 wilderness acres. Chaney said that he will reach out to the Senator regarding it and see what can be done, if anything. Wessel informed committee that he can put wording in to reflect that Forest County would like to do something with this acreage and leave it open ended for options. Wessel will come up with the correct wording to use and update the committee at our next meeting.

Chapter 5: Policies

There was a discussion on topic 3; Kircher recommended that the committee to encourage Crandon and Laona to create wellhead protection plans and wellhead protection ordinances for their municipal water supplies. Committee agreed with Kircher and will reach out to Crandon and Laona to encourage them to create wellhead protection plans and wellhead protection ordinances.

Chapter 6: Economic Development

There was a discussion on Economic Development; B. Draft Issues: Limited Taxable Land.

Wessel will put wording into this area; leaving it open ended; and update the committee at our next meeting.

Chapter 7: Intergovernmental Cooperation

There was a discussion on Previous Studies; A. 2: County Plans: Forest County Farmland Preservation Plan 2016. Kircher asked committee about this plan and what happened to it after Pam LaBine retired. Wessel informed committee the he believes that NCWRPC created this. Wessel will look into this and update the committee and our next meeting.

Land Conservation Update

There was a discussion on project updates given by Kircher.

Pickerel Lake North boat landing application has been complete.

Shooting range application has been completed and submitted.

The County Wide Lake grant study application is nearing completion, and needs a resolution, and County Board approval. It will be available for discussion at our next meeting in October.

There was an update given by Kircher on the Cost Share Program. There are several projects at this time being worked on. Location at this time; Butternut Lake; Kottke; plan completed and the bid meeting is in two weeks, second one; Long Lake; Sullivan; planning being done at this time. There are three (3) other surveys getting completed in October/November for next year 2023.

There was a discussion on the Nutrient Management Plan for Bula given by Kircher. An update will be given in October on how it all went.

LAND INFORMATION PROGRAM

There was an update given by Kircher and Littleton on the PLSS layer for the State Cartographer. At this time, expect to be published the first week of October, 2022. Kircher and Anderson will be putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) will go out late October for Section Corner updates.

There was a discussion on given by Kircher on the Forest County Parcel mapping to Farr Technologies/Bug Tussel Wireless.

There was a discussion given by Kircher on the Wabeno Sanitary map and its completion.

There was a discussion on the Forest grant given by Kircher. The management plan is completed and logging beginning on local MFL Project; Abney Road

There was a discussion given by Kircher on the Forester Contracted and Management Plan; started new project on County Hwy O.

OTHER UPDATES

There was a discussion and possible action on the 2023 Budget given by Kircher; no action taken

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

An update on Forest County Comprehensive Plan and setting dates/times for Public Hearings
AFAS Budget

SET FEBRUARY MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

A discussion to set the next meeting date, time, and location in October. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26th, at 4:30 pm in the County Board Room, 107.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Land Conservation – Land Information – GIS Committee meeting.