

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

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS-COMMITTEE
DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2022
TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM, ROOM 107

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cindy Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Steve Kircher, Rosie Page - FLOW AIS Coordinator

Land Information Council: None in attendance

Absent: Christy Conley, Rick Denton

OTHERS PRESENT: Cortney Cleereman - Register of Deeds, Derek Thorn - FLOW AIS Coordinator, and Sam Wessel from NCWRPC

APPROVE AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment; None in attendance

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES from the Wednesday, October 26, 2022, Joint Land Conservation and Land Information - GIS Committee. Motion by Piasini to approve the October 26, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

There was a discussion given by Derek Thorn, FLOW AIS Coordinator, on Purple Loosestrife. Thorn informed the committee on the Mass Rearing of Purple Loosestrife Beetles project and grant that he is currently working on with Lumberjack. Thorn is asking the committee for a \$400 in-kind contribution for staff pay for Kayla Littleton, Land Info/GIS/LCC Tech to help with set up and management of cages. The whole grant is about \$4,290. The project will start January 1, 2023, and will involve Vilas County, Oneida County, and Forest County with a final presentation of the project at the Lumberjack meeting in October

2023. Motion to approve and apply for the grant through Lumberjack for the Purple Loosestrife project made by Chaney, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

LAND INFORMATION SOFTWARE

There was a discussion given by Cortney Cleereman, Register of Deeds, on the Land Information Software. Motion made to approve the Fidlar software; not to exceed \$75,000, out of reserve retained fees; forward on to full county board in January in resolution form, by Tallier, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Gretzinger requested that we attach the equipment costs to the minutes. Equipment costs are attached.

LAND CONSERVATION

There was a discussion on the Forest County Comprehensive Plan with Sam Wessel, from NCWRPC. Wessel discussed the draft of Chapters 8 & 9, and maps were handed out to the committee for review and if there were any changes or additions that the Committee would like to have done.

Chapter 8: Land Use

There was a discussion by Tallier to change the wording in 8.1 , A – Previous Planning Efforts from “preserving” to “maintaining”. Committee agreed the wording should be changed. Wessel also agreed and will make a word change that would be more appropriate to this area.

Chapter 8: Farmland Preservation/Work Land Initiative

There was a discussion on how many farms are in Forest County. Wessel informed committee he will look into this through the Census that was done and get back to the committee on what he finds out.

Chapter 8: Lack of Privately Owned Land

There was a discussion by the committee on the lack of privately owned land in Forest County. Tallier asked that the new Treasurers report be attached to the Comprehensive Plan. Committee agreed it would be a great idea. Littleton will email document to Wessel so it can be attached.

Chapter 8: Sustainable Forestry

There was a discussion by the committee to have this section reference the Forestry’s 15-year plan.

Chapter 8: Support Development

There was a discussion by the committee to firm up the language more in the section, and cross reference the Treasurers report along with Map 5.2., and to include Forest County Economic Development.

Chapter 8: Table 36: Area of Jurisdiction in Forest County

There was a discussion by the committee on correcting the spelling of Wabeno, adding in Tribal land to the towns of Argonne, Crandon, Blackwell, Wabeno, Lincoln, and Nashville.

Chapter 8: Table 37: Countywide Land Use Acres and Percent of Total

There was a discussion by the committee to correct the 923 acres of outdoor Recreation and combine with Woodlands. Wessel will contact GIS and have this corrected.

Chapter 8: Future Land Use

There was a discussion given by Karl to add verbiage in this section to discourage any additional wilderness areas and to include alternative uses of existing wilderness areas.

Chapter 8: Future Land Use Map

There was a discussion by the committee on reviewing the future zoning and rezoning of land on a yearly basis.

Chapter 8: Adjoining Planning Efforts

There was a discussion by the committee on getting together with other counties for future ATV trails.

Chapter 9

There was no discussion on Chapter 9

There was a discussion on what the next steps are for the Comprehensive Plan. Wessel informed committee that he will update the draft and then email it to Kircher and Littleton.

There was a discussion on project updates given by Littleton. The 2nd year Bula Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) is complete and the check for the remainder of their funds has been sent out. The Bula's will continue to come in each year and update the NMP. There are plans to start an NMP with Eric Shepherd next year with incoming SEG Funds. The Palmen Project on Butternut Lake is set for construction to start in Spring of 2023. There are 2 landowners that are interested in cost share funds and their properties will be getting surveyed in the spring as well.

LAND INFORMATION PROGRAM

There was a discussion on project updates given by Littleton and Anderson. Littleton and Anderson will be going to Florence County in a couple of weeks to discuss PLSS and updating the Forest-Florence County border. Materials will be compiled with hopes of getting an RFP out by the end of January.

OTHER UPDATES

There will not be a LC-LI-GIS Committee meeting in January 2023, unless needed. Beauchaine, will contact committee members if one is needed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Comprehensive Plan

SET FEBRUARY MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

A discussion to set the next meeting date, time, and location in February, 2023 was done. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 4:30 pm in the County Board Room, 107. Future LC-LI-GIS committee meetings for 2023 will be held EVERY 4th Wednesday at 4:30 pm in the County Board Room, Room 107.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Karl to adjourn, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 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.