

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

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS-COMMITTEE
DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023
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,

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Wessel from NCWRPC, Steve Lindstrom & Greg Hilbert, Silver Lake Preservation Association

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Ron Karl to approve agenda, seconded by Bill Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Boardroom was packed with over 55 Laona community members.

Gretzinger informed public on the rules and that each individual will be allowed 5 minutes to speak. Gretzinger asked that only one individual represent a group due to the meeting not being a public hearing, and not having time for every individual to speak.

The following individuals spoke:

Jon Leach, Stanley Krawze, Mary Verich, Russ Chrisman, Mike Chrisman, Jackie Krawze, Tom Rice, Greg Hilbert, Ruth Armbrusius, Steve Worwid, Jenny Spencer, and Anne Krawze.

Gretzinger asked Steve Lindstrom and Greg Hilbert, representing the Silver Lake Preservation Association, if a formal petition had been filed with the County Clerks office. Hilbert informed Gretzinger that it has not, and that the Silver Lake Association would be meeting this week to discuss the matter.

Gretzinger informed the public that there are many steps that need to be taken before a Lake District can be formed or any changes can be made, and that all the appropriate steps will be taken to make sure it is all done correctly. Gretzinger informed the public that the Town of Laona, DNR, Forest County Clerk's office, and Corporate Counsel would all be involved going forward.

Gretzinger encouraged everyone in attendance to read the handout of Chapter 4; Forming a Lake District.

SEE ATTACHMENT #1

At this time, Gretzinger closed the public comment section.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from March 14, 2022 meeting made by Bill Chaney, second by Brian Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

NRCS UPDATE

Appearance by Michael Stinebrink regarding the NRCS Report to the Land Conservation Committee.

Gretzinger recommended that the NRCS report be filed. Motion to file NRCS report made by Chaney, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

SEE ATTACHMENT #2

SILVER LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Appearance by Steve Lindstrom and Greg Hilbert regarding Silver Lake Preservation Association's forming a Lake District. Lindstrom informed the Committee that a formal petition has not been filed yet. A decision would be made within the week on it. Hilbert informed the Committee that there are 192 properties that abut Silver Lake, one has an easement, and three (3) have legal access to Silver Lake.

A handout on the Pros and Cons of forming the Silver Lake District of Forest County was also presented.

Gretzinger recommended that the Pros and Cons of forming the Silver Lake District document be filed. Motion to file the Pros and Cons of forming the Silver Lake District document made by Tallier, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

SEE ATTACHMENT #3

TOWN OF LAONA

Appearance by the Town of Laona Supervisor, Todd Kalata. Kalata, who informed the Committee on the events that have occurred regarding the Silver Lake Preservation Association, and how several Laona community member have come forward against the forming of the Silver Lake District.

Kalata said due to the events of the last several months; several Town meetings were held to discuss the matter. Kalata informed Committee that a Town Resolution was done in the last week. Gretzinger informed Kalata that a copy of the resolution needs to be mailed to the Forest County Clerk's office, Nora Matuszewski, and the Silver Lake Preservation Association.

Kalata said the Town wants to help the Silver Lake Preservation Association in any fundraising efforts that pertains to Silver Lake because the Town is passionate about Silver Lake and its future use.

PFAS UPDATE

Tallier updated the Committee on the PFAS meeting that he attendant. Tallier said the meeting was well attended and that there are grants available. Tallier will get the grants over to Kircher for review. Tallier recommended that the County proceed in having the County Park tested, and asked that it be on our agenda next month for a motion to approve the testing. Committee asked the cost for the PFAS testing and Tallier said it would be approximately \$800.00. Committee discussed the cost of the testing, and recommended it be split between Land Conservation and Forestry Department. Chaney will put the testing of PFAS at the County Park on the next Forestry meeting for discussion.

SEE ATTACHMENT #4

LAND CONSERVATION

Sam Wessel from North Central Regional Planning Commission presented the edits/corrections that were made since the last meeting. Committee would like a final review of the Comprehensive Plan with Wessel, and all parties involved. At this meeting it will be finalized, moved to a Public Hearing, and then approval from the County Board. Kircher will contact all parties involved to set a date and time for meeting.

Project update were given by Kircher.

1. Purple Loosestrife cages have been erected and starter plants secured.
2. Pickerel Lake Boat Landings Grants have been procured and construction will begin later this summer.
3. Crane Lake Grant/Permits have been submitted.
4. USDA Title II grants were approved by Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) at a meeting in early May. Silver Lake Association Grant for Milfoil Treatment was approved by RAC.
5. Cost Share Project Update was given. Butternut Lake Project is being completed. Other projects on Long Lake, Arbutus, Metonga and Roberts
6. Nutrient Management Plans (NMP) were discussed. Plan is to implement one plan late summer/fall.
7. Drone Program update was discussed. Plan is to begin mapping of existing non-metallic mines and shoreline projects.

A motion was made to fill the vacant Conservationist positions on Pickerel/Crane, Lily Lake and Pine Lake districts by nominating Kircher and Littleton as Alternate by Chaney, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

LAND INFORMATION PROGRAM

PLSS Project (Florence – Forest County Border) Bids were presented. Motion to approve Cardinal North bid for the PLSS made by Karl, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Comprehensive Plan

PFAS testing for County Park

SET June MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

The next LC-LI-GIS Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, June 28th, at 4:30pm in the County Board Room, 107.

ADJOURN

Motion by Tallier to adjourn. Second by Chaney. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

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.