

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

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC HEARING - FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS-COMMITTEE
DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM, ROOM 107

CALL TO ORDER:

Ron Karl called the hearing to order 3:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

Land Conservation-Land Information-GIS Committee: Ron Karl, Bill Chaney, Tom Tallier, and Brian Piasini

ABSENT: Cindy Gretzinger

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Wessel, North Central, Andrew Marzec, WDNR/USDA APHIS, Steve Kircher, Kayla Littleton, and Sandy Beauchaine

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Tom Tallier to approve agenda, second by Bill Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

CONFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS:

The confirmation of compliance was given by Steve Kircher (County Conservationist – Land Information/GIS Director) Public Hearing posted at Courthouse on the east and west side of building, and Public Hearing notice was emailed to the Forest Republican.

INFORM THE PUBLIC OF HEARING PROCEDURES (TIME FOR EACH SPEAKER):

Ron Karl informed the public that each public member would have 5 minutes to speak, and to speak directly to the committee, and not each other. No Public in attendance.

OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion to open the public hearing made by Tom Tallier, second by Bill Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT PRESENTATION

Sam Wessel, North Central, informed committee that he did receive one phone call regarding the maps 5(2), that had an ownership mistake. Wessel mentioned that currently it is listed as Federal Lands; and should be listed as Tribal Lands; correction was made and will be reflected in Final version of Comp Plan.

Tom Tallier asked Sam Wessel; This is a 20-year Forest County Comprehensive Plan and it should be looked at every year; at least. What are the requirements if we make a change after one year? Do we have to go through the full county board, or a full public hearing? Wessel informed committee that there is a state requirement, in wanting any changes to the 20-year Forest County Comprehensive Plan, which would require an amendment, and a public hearing.

Tallier asked Wessel if the language of “coordination” be put into Chapters 1 & 8; under goals. After committee discussion; committee would like to adopt the following language; USFS should coordinate with the Forest County on any land sales/acquisition within Forest County boundaries. Wessel will add the language to the necessary chapters.

Tallier informed Wessel that he does have the 2023 taxable land for Forest County. Committee discussed and would like to add the 2023 taxable land table to the 20-year Forest County Comprehensive Plan. Wessel will make the changes to reflect the 2023 year.

Tallier initiated discussion with the committee on the Good Neighbor Authority. Committee would like to see Forest County added as an agent for the Good Neighbor Authority program and be added to Chapter 8: Land Use; goals.

Committee discussed PFAS in Forest County owned wells. Wessel will add the results from the testing to the 20-year Forest County Comprehensive Plan.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Bill Chaney to close the public hearing, second by Tom Tallier. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (IF NEEDED)

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Chaney, second by Tom Tallier. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM