

FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS-COMMITTEE
DATE: Wednesday, May 22, 2024
TIME: 3:30 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM, ROOM 107

CALL TO ORDER:

Ron Skallerud called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Scott Goode

Land Information Council:

Present: Kayla Littleton, Jamie Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Kircher, Michael Stinebrink, NRCS

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Ron Karl to waive the reading of the agenda and approve agenda, second by Bill Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Kircher announced that Derek Thorn would not be present; he will present Grant Information regarding FLOW AIS next year

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes for the LC-LI-GIS Committee from April 22, 2024 made by Bill Chaney, second by Brain Piasini. All present voting. AYE. Motion carried.

LAND CONSERVATION

- a. Michael Stinebrink presented the MOA between Forest County Land & Water and NRCS. The MOA needs to be updated, last MOA was presented and signed in 2017. Michael pointed out the areas that are pertinent to the cooperative agreement with NRCS and Forest County Land & Water.

Tom Tallier asked about the County Land and Water Resource Management Plan updates. Steve Kircher said he would provide the information in a meeting with Supervisor Tallier on Thursday.

There was some discussion on who should sign the MOA; as written the Conservation Director would sign it. Motion was made by Ron Karl, seconded by Chaney, all in favor, to allow the Conservation Director to sign the current MOA.

- b. There was a discussion on the President's Executive Order for Old Growth Forests given by Tom Tallier. There is a virtual meeting on Thursday, May 23rd @ 10:30. Tom Tallier and Steve Kircher plan on attending. Supervisor Tallier expressed the need for Economic Development to be part of the process. Chairman Skallerud mentioned that the Old Growth Amendment should be part of the LCC agenda in the future.
- c. There was a discussion on the County Wells and the PFAS lawsuit brought to us by Napoli Law given by Ron Skallerud. The latest correspondence was addressed and noted that Forest County does not have Contamination levels that would qualify them for Compensation. Ron Karl mentioned that the Contamination levels could change. Supervisor Chaney asked about the Claim Form. Chairman Skallerud responded that we don't have Contamination levels that would qualify. Supervisor Tallier asked about the Costs for testing the water. Kircher responded that Compensation was allowed for Contamination only. He mentioned that expenses for testing could possibly be recouped from the State Government that hasn't been released yet. Kircher also mentioned the latest correspondence from Napoli Shkolnik regarding AFFF chemicals and Tyco Manufacturing. Again, Forest County doesn't have Contamination levels that qualify for compensation. No Action required.
- d. There was a discussion regarding the Forest County Road Atlas. Land Conservation received a proposal from Diamond Graphics for purchase of 100 copies. Chairman Skallerud asked if there was a line item for purchase, if not the proposal would need to go to Finance for approval. Chairman Skallerud asked for a motion to approve purchase of atlases if there is a line item in the budget. Supervisor Tallier made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Karl to purchase Atlases from Advertising Budget. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Kircher asked the question regarding Plat Books. Chairman Skallerud reported that no action was taken regarding purchase of Plat Books and will be brought up during Budget season.

- e. The Land Conservation Budget update was presented. Kircher asked how often an update would need to be provided. Chairman Skallerud responded that the Board would like monthly updates to provide an update of revenue/expenditures.

Kircher reported that there were three Middle School scholarships granted (\$900) and would be taken from the Native Plant Sale budget. The rest of the revenue would be put into the General Fund.

Chairman Skallerud asked about the Travel Requests he had received. He reported that the Conservation budget had exceeded the budget limit. Kircher responded that the deficit will be made up between Travel and Training and can be borrowed from the Land Information Budget.

There was some discussion regarding the Rural Development Network and their effectiveness. Kircher responded that they would like to attend the Weston Meeting and will report back if it is worthwhile to continue.

Chairman Skallerud requested that Travel Requests be brought to the monthly LCC meetings, unless they are urgent and need immediate attention.

LAND INFORMATION/GIS

- a. The Land Information budget was presented. The only transaction was the upcoming WLIA Summer meeting in Marshfield. Kircher reported that Kayla Littleton would attend the three-day conference.

Supervisor Tallier questioned the relationship we have with North Central Regional planning and the amount of money that is spent. Littleton responded that she has been receiving training from North Central and hopefully the budget can be reduced.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update on PFAS

Update on National Old Growth Forests

Travel requests

Budget updates

SET JUNE 2024 MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

The next LCC-LI-GIS Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, at 3:30 pm in the County Board Room, 107.

ADJOURN

Motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Karl. 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.