

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

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS-COMMITTEE  
DATE: Tuesday, June 4, 2024  
TIME: 3:30 PM  
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM, ROOM 107

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## **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, Scott Goode

**Absent:**

## **Land Information Council:**

**Present:** Kayla Littleton

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Kircher

## **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:**

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

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

## **LAND CONSERVATION**

- a. Steve Kircher reported on the latest correspondence from Napoli Shkolnik. Tom Tallier asked about the Wisconsin DNR's position regarding the County's Well Head Protection Plan and the need for one at the Veterans' Memorial Park. Kircher responded that in correspondence with the DNR, they did not think a Plan was necessary. Scott Goode recommended we look at it every few years to see if a plan is necessary. Chairman Skallerud asked if there was any other correspondence. Kircher responded there wasn't.
- b. Chairman Skallerud updated the Committee on the USDA Old Growth Amendment MOU. He had Corporation Counsel look it over and Paul Payant responded that it looks good. Kircher questioned what would happen is the MOU wasn't signed.

Would the County still have a voice regarding the Amendment? Chairman Skallerud reported that they probably would not. Kircher reported that there is another meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Skallerud questioned the deadline and the fact that if we don't sign the MOU, Forest County would not have a voice in the process. Bill Chaney questioned the expiration date of June 1, 2028. Does the MOU expire? Chairman Skallerud responded that the 2028 date is just for the Old Growth Amendment/EIS process. Tom Tallier mentioned the 2012 planning rule requiring coordination/participation with USDA. Tallier questioned the requirement to sign the MOU; does the 2028 date mean that coordination between the USDA and the County will cease. Chairman Skallerud stated that the MOU was specific to the Old Growth Amendment only. Tallier mentioned the need for a letter to our Forest Supervisor regarding the Amendment. Chairman Skallerud suggested that the Committee take no action and have Kircher and Tallier attend the meetings and report back to the Committee. A motion was made by Scott Goode, seconded by Chaney to have Tallier and Kircher attend the Old Growth Amendment meetings and report back to Committee, all in favor. Motion passed.

- c. Land Conservation Budget was updated. Kircher reported no changes since last meeting. Kircher reported that the budget overage was caused by both Kircher and Littleton attending conferences/meetings in preparation for Kircher's retirement. Tallier asked about Kircher's retirement. He reported January 15, 2025 as his retirement date.
- d. Approval of Travel Requests was discussed. All Travel Requests were approved. Motion by Goode, seconded by Chaney. Motion carried.

#### **LAND INFORMATION/GIS**

- a. The purchase of Road Atlases was discussed. Kircher reported there wasn't a line item for the Road Atlas. Littleton reported that she will check on reducing the number of copies purchased. Chairman Skallerud recommended the purchase be sent to Advertising Committee for consideration and payment. Motion by Karl to send purchase of Road Atlases to Advertising Committee, seconded by Tallier. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Land Information budget was presented. No updates or transactions.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Update on PFAS  
Update on National Old Growth Forests  
Travel requests  
Budget updates

#### **SET JUNE 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 Karl to adjourn, second by Goode. 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.