

# FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION-LAND INFORMATION-GIS-COMMITTEE  
DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025  
TIME: 3:30 PM  
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM, ROOM 107

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### CALL TO ORDER:

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

### ROLL CALL:

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

**Absent:** Ron Skallerud and Scott Goode

### Land Information Council:

**Present:** Kayla Littleton, Jamie Anderson

**Absent:** Cortney Britten Cleereman, Stephanie Montgomery, Rick Denton, and Christy Conley

**Others Present:** Travis Wollenberg

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Tallier to approve the agenda, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public Comment

### APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

Motion by Chaney to approve the LC-LI-GIS Committee minutes from January 27, 2025, second by Piasini. All present voting. AYE. Motion carried.

### LAND CONSERVATION

- a. Littleton asked if there were any questions about the January Budget Report. No questions.
- b. Littleton informed the committee that there is no update on the Napoli Shkolnik PFAS Litigation.
- c. Littleton informed the committee that the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) may need a Board Chair. She is willing to do it if asked, and would like the committee's thoughts. Committee agrees it is okay for Littleton to become Board Chair of WRISC, if asked.
- d. Littleton updated the committee about the Farmland Preservation Plan that is up for renewal in the coming year. Littleton would like the committee to make the decision on whether or not Forest County updates this plan. She states that unless the Zoning Department pursues implementing Farmland Zoning Districts, this plan is just a plan. She got a rough quote from

North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for \$12,000. There is a grant to apply for that would cover 50%, so it would cost the county \$6,000 to update the plan. Motion by Piasini to send a letter to DATCP that we are not going to pursue updating the plan at this time, second by Tallier. All present voting. AYE. Motion Carried.

- e. There was an update given on the Land Conservation projects by Littleton.  
Littleton informed the Committee that she will be meeting with DNR staff to discuss Bog Brook in the next month. There was a discussion on Non-Metallic Mining and the need for County Pits to be permitted for reclamation activities. Littleton stated she has received almost all of the fees and financial assurance for the pits for 2024 and will get them submitted to the state soon. She also stated she has no documents on file for the county pits. There was discussion about the 10-year Land and Water Plan and the need for it to get updated. The process to start updating will start towards the end of 2025.
- f. Littleton asked if the committee would like to review the DATCP SWRM grant materials before being submitted to the state. Each year, there is a reimbursement, an application and a work plan. In the past the County Conservationists have signed off on them, but committee chair can as well. There was discussion about the committee chair being the County Board Chair and how that may be a state statue. Littleton will look into this. Motion by Tallier to have LCC Chair sign SWRM Grant Documents, second by Chaney. AYE. All present voting. Motion carried.
- g. An update was provided by Travis Wollenberg about the Work Group regarding Forest County and the Forest Service. Wollenberg stated they had one meeting so far and are looking at the Forestry Department possibly managing campgrounds, recreation trails, and future forestry practices. There was discussion about having Skallerud attend the work group meetings.
- h. Littleton had one travel request. Motion by Chaney, second by Piasini. All present voting. AYE. Motion Carried

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

- a. Littleton asked if there were any questions on the Land Information budget. No questions.
- b. There was an update given on the Land Information Projects by Littleton. Littleton informed the committee that work has been going good since taking over for Andy Faust at North Central. Littleton informed the committee that they received the GPS last week. Anderson informed the committee that Maines & Associates will be getting started on the Nashville South Project. He also informed the committee that work has been done on the Oconto County line from the Oconto County Surveyor and there was discussion.
- c. Wollenberg asked if there was a set number of hours that the Forestry Department could use the county surveyor's time. There was discussion on committing County Surveyor time for the Forestry Department. There was also discussion about using the drone to assist the Forestry Department with tracking invasives in county forests. Motion by Tallier to allow the Forestry Department 20 hours of county surveyor time this year, second by Piasini. All present voting. AYE. Motion carried.

- d. Littleton informed the committee that there have not been issues with the drone policy and will continue to revisit it annually. Littleton expressed the need for a fee schedule for the drone as well. There was discussion whether or not the drone is for county use only. Littleton will do some research and bring it back to the committee.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Land Conservation/Land Information Budget updates

Travel requests

Napoli Shkolnik PFAS lawsuit

Drone Fee Schedule

#### **SET NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION**

Discussion about next meeting date. Littleton will get back to committee with next meeting date and time.

Littleton discussed the possibility of joining with UW-Extension for future meetings.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Piasini. 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.