

**Lincoln County Land Services Committee  
Minutes of Thursday, February 13, 2020 3:31 pm  
Lincoln County Service Center, Room #156**

Members Present: Bill Bialecki, Hans Breitenmoser, Julie Allen, Calvin Callahan, Greta Rusch, Ann Krueger, and Pat Voermans

Members Absent: Christopher Heller (excused)

Department Heads/Staff: Matthew Bremer (Land Services Administrator), Sarah Koss (Register of Deeds), Mike Huth (Zoning Program Manager), Mitch McCarthy (Conservation Program Manager), Laura Boquist (Shoreland Specialist).

Visitors: Dave Bethel Sr., Jeremy Irish, Dan Barth, Kathy Konle-Barth, Kyle Gulke, Bill Kolodziej, Joy Lambrecht, and Heather Young.

1. Call Meeting order - Meeting was called to order by Bialecki at 3:31 p.m.

### **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

2. Q&A on Monthly Munis Report – Sarah Koss asked if there were any questions on the report. There were none.

3. Q&A on Monthly Written Report – Koss asked if there were any questions on the report. There were none.

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4. Public Comment – Dan Barth, Kathy Konle-Barth, Heather Young, and Kyle Gulke all spoke individually regarding the importance of climate change awareness within the county and impacts to the atmospheric levels. They voiced their support that the resolution on the agenda be forwarded to the full County Board.

5. Approval of the January 9, 2020 Land Services Committee Minutes

M/S Voermans/Breitenmoser to approve the 1/9/2020 minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

6. Agency Updates

- a. Approval of 2019 Wildlife Damage Claims – APHIS – Jeremy Irish – Irish explained the program and how it is utilized in the county. Irish provided the committee with the 2019 Wildlife Damage Claims and financial details. Committee questioned the process of how claims are made and repeat claimers. Jeremy clarified that property owners have, multiple methods for claims, not just financial.

M/S Voermans/Breitenmoser to approve the 2019 Wildlife Damage Claims. Motion carried on a voice vote.

7. Land Information/Conservation Program Updates –

- a. Conservation Updates – McCarthy presented the conservation staff report updating the LSC on items distributed within the meeting packet. Bill Kolodziej from Marathon County provided an overview of the grazing program and success stories in Lincoln County. Bill also indicated he is available as a contact regarding grazing while Lincoln County transitions staff.

1. McCarthy presented the Land & Water Conservation Board (LWCB) candidates and ballot. Discussion occurred regarding supporting norther Wisconsin candidates and existing regional board member ties to our county.

M/S Allen/Callahan to approve and forward the 2020 Wisconsin Land and Water Election Ballot for the Land and Water Conservation Board with the three following candidates: Craig Conroy, Michael Hofberber, and Robert Mott. Motion carried on a voice vote.

2. McCarthy presented important information on County Conservation Funding Bills Introduced by the Water Quality Task Force.
3. Matt and Mitch provided an overview on the upcoming Conservation grant staffing options that are offered by DATCP and NRCS. Thorough discussion occurred regarding funding amounts, county finance goals/situation and additional staffing scenarios.  
M/S Voermans/Breitenmoser to allow staff to move forward with the SWRM grant application that includes a second grant funded staff position be sought. This second position is contingent on Lincoln County being awarded an NRCS staffing grant as well.  
Motion carried on a voice vote.

Ann Krueger left the meeting.

8. Discussion and/or Action on Resolution RE: Climate Change –M/S Bialecki/Callahan to forward resolution as presented to full County Board. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Bialecki moved to item 11.

11. 4:00pm Public Hearings – Public Hearing was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Bialecki. Bialecki explained the rules of conduct for public hearings and introduced the Committee members and staff.

#### **PETITION FOR REZONING**

- a) A request by James and Anita Gooch (Co-Applicant: Joy Lambrecht) to rezone tax parcel pin# 022-3208-011-9989, with parcel size of 39 acres from Forestry (F) to Agriculture (A). The property is located in the NE/NE quarter of Section 1, T32N-R8E, in the Town of Schley, along County Line Rd. The request is being heard under section 17.8.25 and relating to sections 17.2.10 and 17.2.11 of the Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance.

Bialecki asked for testimony in support of the rezone petition. Joy Lambrecht explained the proposal and stated that the Town of Schley has not met yet regarding this request.

Bialecki asked for any more proponents of the request. There were none.

Bialecki asked for testimony from opponents of the request. There was none.

Huth presented the staff report. County staff recommends that the committee approves the rezone petition, with recommendation to the County Board for approval, once the Town of Schley has provided the Town Recommendation and as written in the staff report.

Bialecki closed the public hearing for the request.

M/S Callahan/Voermans to forward to County Board a favorable recommendation of the rezone request, contingent on a favorable recommendation by the Town. Motion carried on a voice vote.

- b) Portions of Lincoln County Shoreland Ordinance – Chapter 21 relating to Exempt Structures-New Boathouse Sizes are proposed to be amended

Huth and Boquist presented an overview of the text amendment. Included was an overview of the Town recommendations.

Bialecki asked for testimony in support of the ordinance text amendment.

Dave Bethel Sr. (representing the Town of Bradley Plan Commission) presented ideas relating to other changes to the ordinance. Discussion with staff occurred regarding elements of the town recommendation. Dave Bethel Sr. (representing himself) provided personal experiences and observations regarding boathouse design and erosion control considerations.

Bialecki asked for testimony from opponents of the request. There was none.

Bialecki closed the public hearing for the request. Discussion followed.

M/S Callahan/Breitenmoser to forward to County Board a favorable recommendation of the ordinance as presented. Motion carried on a 4-1 voice vote.

Callahan left the meeting.

9. Discussion of Camping Unit Regulations and Timelines – Discussion to be postponed until the June LSC meeting.
10. Discussion/Possible Action regarding Accessory Structures larger than 2,000sqft – Mike Huth and LSC had a discussion about possibly adjusting the sq ft footprint totals that are currently permitted and/or conditionally permitted for accessory structures. LSC directed staff to draft options of how to regulate and adjust the ordinance at a future LSC meeting.
12. Department Written Reports and Correspondence – Bremer asked if there were any questions on the Munis Report. There were none. Bremer presented the department report and it was accepted.  
M/S Voermans/Allen to approve the department head timesheets and expense reports as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.  
  
Bremer and LSC members held a discussion regarding the staffing positions currently being refilled. LSC members and staff also discussed the vision for the department and creatively thinking how to complete work within the department and looking at possible reorganization options with other departments.
13. Future Agenda Items – Review of 2019 Budget, Staffing Update, Accessory Structure Discussion.
14. Confirm next meeting/public hearing date – March 12, 2020. Meeting to begin at 3:30pm. The Public Hearing will begin at 4:00pm.
15. Adjourn – LSC to adjourn at 5:28 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Matthew Bremer and Mike Huth