

**Lincoln County Land Services Committee**  
**Minutes of Thursday, January 11, 2024 3:30pm**  
**Lincoln County Service Center, Room #257**  
**(Meeting recording is available on the Lincoln County website: [co.lincoln.wi.us](http://co.lincoln.wi.us))**

MEMBERS PRESENT In-Person: Marty Lemke, Bill Bialecki, Julie DePasse, Elizabeth McCrank, Greg Hartwig, Randy Detert, Steven F. Roets, and Greta Rusch,

MEMBERS PRESENT Teleconference: none

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF In-Person: Mike Huth (Land Services Administrator), Sarah Koss (Register of Deeds), Thomas Boisvert (Conservation Program Manager), and Elizabeth Peronto (Program Assistant).

DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF Teleconference: none

VISITORS In-Person: Luke Irish

VISITORS Teleconference: Christine Vorpapel

1. Call Meeting to Order – Meeting was called to order by Chair Lemke at 3:30pm.
2. Roll Call – All members present.
3. Adopt Agenda – M/S DePasse/Bialecki to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.
4. December 14, 2023 LSC Meeting Minutes – M/S DePasse/Hartwig to approve the 12/14/2023 minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote.
5. Public Comment – There was none.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

6. Register of Deeds
  - a) Monthly Financial Reports – Koss presented the report. There was no discussion.
  - b) Monthly Written Reports – Koss presented the report. Discussion occurred regarding the trends of recording as it pertains to prior years.
7. Land Services
  - a) Administrator Department/Programs Report – Huth presented the department report. There was no discussion.
  - b) Monthly Financial Report – Huth presented the financial report. There was discussion regarding potential, future budget modifications.
  - c) Zoning Program Manager/Land Services Administrator Timesheets (11/27/2023 – 12/24/23) –  
M/S Hartwig/McCranks to approve the timesheets. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

none

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. Agency Updates –
  - a) APHIS – 2023 Wildlife Damage Claims – Luke Irish explained the 2023 Wildlife Damage Claims. Discussion occurred. Further explanation occurred regarding the mandatory criteria for receiving claims from wildlife damage.

M/S DePasse/Detert to approve the 2023 Wildlife Damage Claims as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

9. 2024 Wisconsin Land+Water Annual Dues – Boisvert gave an overview of WILand+Water and how Environthon impacts Lincoln County youth. Discussion occurred.

M/S McCrank/Rusch to approve the 2024 WI Land+Water Dues as presented and to include the \$55 donation to the Wisconsin Envirothon. Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. 2024 Lumberjack RC&D Annual Dues – Huth and Bialecki gave an overview of Lumberjack RC&D and how the program impacts Lincoln County. Discussion occurred.

M/S Hartwig/Detert to approve the 2024 Lumberjack RC&D Dues.

Chair Lemke asked for a Recess. M/S McCrank/Bialecki to go into recess. Motion carried on a voice vote.  
Recess at 3:52pm. The meeting resumed at 4:00pm

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

#### **CHAPTER 17 ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT**

- a. Portions of Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 17, section 17.8.12 (Duties and Responsibilities), 17.8.60 (Variance Review and Approval Procedure), 17.8.65 (Appeals of Zoning Interpretations), and 17.8.30 (Appeals of Committee Decisions) are proposed to be amended.

At the request of the committee, Huth presented the proposed amendments. County staff recommends that the committee approve the four amendments and forward them to the County Board, as presented in the packet. Huth entered into the record the responses from the Towns regarding the proposed amendments.

Chair Lemke asked for testimony in support of the amendments. There was none.

Chair Lemke asked for testimony in opposition of the amendments. There was none.

Chair Lemke closed the public hearing for the request. Discussion occurred.

M/S DePasse/Hartwig to approve the four amendments (specified as 17.8.12, 17.8.60, 17.8.65, and 17.8.30) as presented and to forward them to the County Board. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12. Future Agenda Items – One Petition for Modification from the Subdivision Ordinance and six proposed ordinance text amendments for the public hearing.
13. Confirm next meeting/public hearing date – The next meeting will be February 8, 2024. The meeting will begin at 3:30p.m. with the public hearing beginning at 4:00pm.
14. Adjourn – M/S Bialecki/DePasse to adjourn at 4:07p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.