



MINUTES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 – 9:00 AM
ADMINISTRATION CENTER - ROOM A-200
121 W. MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was held in room A-200 at the Administration Center.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
R. Holyoke	Chairperson	Present	
B. Ross	Vice-Chairperson	Present	
B. Jobs	Supervisor District 3	Present	
T. Matera	Supervisor District 7	Present	
K. Schoessow	Supervisor District 23	Present	

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Land & Water Management Director Vogeler, Sanitation & Zoning Specialist Sullivan, Office Administrator Mikkelson, Planning & Parks Director Struck, Extension Area Director Sarkady, 4-H Program Educator Machut, Deputy Register of Deeds Van Eimeren, GIS Coordinator Lewis, Office Assistant IV Laurin, and Deputy County Clerk Quaas.

Others present: Supervisors Maguire and Vogel, Jeff Bell, Marsha Williams, Alison Caranella, Joan Chyko, and Barbara Karimi.

2. PROPER NOTICE

Chairperson Holyoke called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The clerk noticed the meeting as required.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS

Joan Chyko, Marsha Williams, Barbara Karimi, and Alison Caranella voiced their concerns on how expanding the Ozaukee Interurban Trail would negatively affect public safety and may also be detrimental to neighboring property owners.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 2 & 17, 2024

Motion to approve the July 2 & 17, 2024 minutes as submitted.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE	
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	T. Matera, Supervisor District 7
SECONDER:	B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson
AYES:	Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

5. PUBLIC HEARING - LAND & WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Public Hearing Notice - Sommersberger Wetland Delineation

Chairperson Holyoke opened the public hearing at 9:14 AM.

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the project request.

No one was present to address the committee.

Chairperson Holyoke closed the public hearing at 9:24 AM.

6. LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items:

1. Ordinance: Shoreland & Floodplain Zoning Map Amendment - Town of Grafton, Section 9

Motion to approve the ordinance amending the Shoreland & Floodplain Zoning Map to reflect the change to Section 9, Town of Grafton. This ordinance will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. LWM Monthly Reports

Ms. Vogeler highlighted the new Land and Water Management newsletter, department performance metrics, and the 2023 Conservation Progress Report.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - PLANNING & PARKS DEPARTMENT

1. Public Hearing for Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances Chapter XV: Ozaukee County-Owned Lands Zoning Ordinance Revision

Chairperson Holyoke opened the public hearing at 9:36 AM.

No one was present to address the committee.

2. Public Hearing for Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances Chapter V: Regulations Pertaining to Public Property Ordinance Revision - Rules and Regulations Governing County Parks (5.01)

Jeff Bell voiced his concerns regarding the ordinance limiting the ability for hunters to still have access to Hawthorne Hills County Park.

Chairperson Holyoke closed the public hearing at 9:39 AM.

8. PLANNING & PARKS DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items:

1. Ordinance: Amending Section 15.023 of the Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances Pertaining to P-1 Park and Recreation District

Motion to approve the ordinance amending Section 15.023 of the Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances pertaining to P-1 Park and Recreation District. This ordinance will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****MOVER:** T. Matera, Supervisor District 7**SECONDER:** K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23**AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

2. Ordinance: Amending Section 5.01 of the Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances -
Pertaining to Rules and Regulations Governing County Parks

Discussion on the 1,000 foot buffer zone, Corporation Counsel review, legal requirements, historical hunting usage of parks, and the possibility of postponing this item.

Motion made by Supervisor Ross, seconded by Supervisor Matera to revise the ordinance to remove: “(t) To carry, conceal carry or otherwise possess any firearm on the Sugar Maple Nature School grounds, or within 1,000 feet of the school grounds, which is located on Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course property.” Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Motion to approve the ordinance, as revised, amending Section 5.01 of the Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances pertaining to Rules and Regulations Governing County Parks. This ordinance will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****MOVER:** B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson**SECONDER:** K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23**AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow**9. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE****a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports**

1. UW-Madison Division of Extension Reports

Ms. Sarkady distributed a handout to committee members highlighting the work that is done by the University Extension Marketing Specialist.

Update on staffing and program highlights.

10. REGISTER OF DEEDS/LAND INFORMATION**a. Action Items:**

1. Resolution: Ozaukee County Land Information Plan 2025-2027

Ms. Lewis distributed the minutes from the July 30th Land Information Council meeting to committee members.

Discussion on budgetary impacts.

Motion to approve the Ozaukee County Land Information Plan 2025-2027, as submitted and approve the resolution to move the Plan forward to the County Board. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: B. Jobs, Supervisor District 3

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Register of Deeds/Land Information Report

There were no questions.

10:26 AM Chairperson Holyoke proposed a brief recess. There were no objections.

10:34 AM Meeting reconvened.

11. PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

a. Action Items:

1. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant for Stream, Wetland, Floodplain and Habitat Restoration on Sucker Creek

Discussion on target area and funding.

Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$3,240,000 from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act grant to support stream and habitat restoration activities on Sucker Creek. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next:**
8/29/2024 8:00 AM

MOVER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

SECONDER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

2. Submittal and Acceptance of a Natural Resources Foundation C.D. Besadny Conservation Fund Grant for Prairie Restoration Activities at Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course and Tendick Nature County Park

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Natural Resources Foundation C.D. Besadny Conservation Fund Grant for Prairie Restoration Activities at Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course and Tendick Nature County Park.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

3. Resolution: Application and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids Grant for Prairie Restoration Activities in Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course and Tendick Nature County Park

Motion to approve the resolution for the submittal and acceptance of a grant application by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - County Conservation Aids Program to support prairie restoration activities in Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course and Tendick Nature County Park in the Town of Saukville. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****MOVER:** B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson**SECONDER:** K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23**AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

4. Resolution: Application and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant for Forest Management Planning, Native Tree Planting and Inventory, Emerald Ash Borer Management and Education/Outreach Activities in Covered Bridge County Park, Mee-Kwon County Park, River Oaks County Park and Ulao Creek Nature Preserve

Motion to approve the resolution for the submittal and acceptance of a grant application by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant program for forest management planning, tree planting and inventory activities, management of emerald ash borer and education/outreach activities in Covered Bridge County Park, Mee-Kwon County Park, River Oaks County Park and Ulao Creek Nature Preserve (County Park). This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****MOVER:** B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson**SECONDER:** T. Matera, Supervisor District 7**AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

5. Submittal and Acceptance of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund Grant to Conduct Engineering and Design for Restoring Lands Along County Highway Trunk W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Floodplain and Wetland Restoration as Part of the County Highway Trunk W Road Reconstruction and Restoration Project

Mr. Struck explained that the grant will be used to supplement design and engineering funding.

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund to support reconnection of the Milwaukee River to historic floodplain, wetlands and oxbow as part of the CTH W road reconstruction and restoration project in the Village of Saukville.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Jobs, Supervisor District 3

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

6. Submittal and Acceptance of a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Competition Grant for Habitat Restoration at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve (County Park)

Discussion on grant application process, land trust funding, use of funds, and possible restrictions on public access.

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Competition grant program to fund habitat restoration at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve County Park.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

7. Resolution: We Energies Underground Easement for Electrical Service at Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course

Mr. Struck explained why the easement was required.

Motion to approve the resolution for a We Energies underground easement at Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****MOVER:** T. Matera, Supervisor District 7**SECONDER:** K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23**AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow**b. Discussion Items:**

1. Update on Hawthorne Hills County Park Multipurpose Maintenance Building Construction and Change Orders
Update on final close out, inspections, change orders, and the work performed by the Ozaukee County Planning & Parks staff.
2. Update on the Sugar Maple Nature School Construction and Operations
Update on construction, timeline challenges, and permitting.
3. Update of Planning and Parks Department Capital Projects and Planning and Parks Department Ecological Division Grant Projects
Update on security gates and cameras, and tree planting restoration work.
4. Department 2025 Budget Overview
Update on proposed staff expansion request, capital projects, and operational costs.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Planning & Parks Department Management and Financial Reports
Update on golf revenues, declining disc golf revenues, and the progression of trail projects.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 5, 2024

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Matera, seconded by Supervisor Jobs to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.

Tyler Quaas, Deputy County Clerk