



MINUTES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 – 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	Excused	
T. Matera	Supervisor District 7	Excused	
K. Schoessow	Supervisor District 23	Present	

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Land & Water Management Director Vogeler, Soil & Water Conservationist Brouillette, Planning & Parks Director Struck, Register of Deeds Laurin, GIS Coordinator Lewis, Extension Area Director Sarkady, Community Development Educator Roback, Deputy County Clerk Hoff and Chief Deputy County Clerk Henning.

Others present: Michael Patin - NRCS District Conservationist and Dan Benson - Ozaukee Press

2. PROPER NOTICE

Chairperson Holyoke called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. The clerk noticed the meeting as required.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 9, 2025

Motion to approve the January 9, 2025 minutes as submitted.

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

5. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE

a. *Management/Financial/Informational Reports*

1. UW-Madison Division of Extension Ozaukee County Reports

Ms. Sarkady provided an update of program area projects.

Mr. Roback provided an update on completed and current projects, presentations and trainings.

6. REGISTER OF DEEDS/LAND INFORMATION

a. *Management/Financial/Informational Reports*

1. Register of Deeds/Land Information Monthly Report

Ms. Laurin provided an update on staffing. Questions and discussion on the status of the indexing project.

Ms. Lewis reviewed the GIS report included in the packet.

7. LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

a. *Action Items:*

1. U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Civil Rights Statement of Understanding

Mr. Patin provided an update on 2024 conservation programs in Ozaukee County and summarized the civil rights responsibilities for partners.

Motion to approve and sign the Natural Resources Conservation Service Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Agreement.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

2. Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration

Mr. Brouillette provided an overview of the program.

Motion to approve the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

3. Carryover of 2024 Funds - LWM

Motion to approve the 2024 Land & Water Management Department budget carryover of funds in the amount of \$102,241.24. This request will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next:**
2/27/2025 8:00 AM

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. LWM Monthly Reports

Ms. Vogeler highlighted the upcoming Soil Health Academy and inquired as to whether the committee would consider the use of the Tree Fund Balance to offset attendees costs in order to increase participation in the soil health course directed at dairy operations. The consensus of the committee members is to support this request. This will come back to the committee as an action item at the March 6 meeting.

Update on POWTS appeal and effects of the federal grant freeze.

8. PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items:

1. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Wisconsin Emergency Management Program Grant for Stream and Habitat Restoration on Sucker Creek

Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$249,326 from the Wisconsin Emergency Management Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Implementation grant program for resiliency and stream and habitat restoration activities on Sucker Creek in the Town of Belgium. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next:**
2/27/2025 8:00 AM

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

2. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a US Environmental Protection Agency / US Fish and Wildlife Service – Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant for Habitat Restoration of Lands Along County Trunk Highway (CTH) W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Milwaukee River Oxbow, Floodplain and Wetland Restoration (Milwaukee River Oxbow Nature Preserve) as Part of the CTH W Road Reconstruction and Restoration Project

Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$400,000 from the US Environmental Protection Agency/US Fish and Wildlife Service/Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant to support reconnection of the Milwaukee River to

historic floodplain, wetlands and oxbow as part of the CTH W road reconstruction project in the Village of Saukville. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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 2/27/2025 8:00 AM

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SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

3. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a 2021 Monsanto Class Action Settlement Allocation for River, Stream and Wetland Restoration Projects in Ozaukee County

Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$303,840 from the Monsanto Settlement Claim for resiliency, water quality improvements, stream and habitat restoration activities on Sucker Creek, Tendick Creek, Mineral Springs Creek, Mole Creek, County Road W/Milwaukee River Oxbow Nature Preserve, Milwaukee River and Ulao Creek. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next:**
 2/27/2025 8:00 AM

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

4. Submittal and Acceptance of a Fund For Lake Michigan Grant for Mineral Springs Creek Resiliency and Habitat Restoration

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Fund for Lake Michigan to support resiliency and stream and wetland restoration activities on Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

5. Submittal and Acceptance of a Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin Norma and Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Grant for Trail Development and Boardwalk Construction at Ulao Creek Nature Preserve County Park

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Natural Resources Foundation Norma and Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund grant program for trail development and boardwalk construction at Ulao Creek Nature Preserve County Park.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

6. Submittal and Acceptance of a US Fish and Wildlife Service National Fish Passage Program Grant to Support Stream and Wetland Restoration Activities at Tendick Nature County Park

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the US Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Fish Passage Program to support fish passage, stream, floodplain and wetland restoration activities on Tendick Creek in the Town of Saukville.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

7. Submittal and Acceptance of a US Fish and Wildlife Service National Fish Passage Program Grant for Stream and Habitat Restoration on Sucker Creek

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the US Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Fish Passage Program to support fish passage, stream and wetland restoration activities on Sucker Creek in the Town of Belgium.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

8. Proposal and Contract for Certified Operator Well Testing at Hawthorne Hills County Park for the Sugar Maple Nature School Well

Mr. Struck described the necessary testing level and the requirements for contractor certification.

Motion to approve negotiation and signing of a professional services contract, contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval, with Fritz's Packerland Well Service, LLC for a not to exceed sum of \$7,496, which includes an approximate 20% contingency, for certified water system operator testing services for the new drinking water well at Hawthorne Hills County Park servicing Sugar Maple Nature School.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

9. Carryover of 2024 Funds – Planning & Parks

Motion to approve the 2024 Planning and Parks Department budget carryover funds in the amount of \$43,250. This request will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 2/27/2025 8:00 AM

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

10. Golf Course Division Equipment Purchase Per 2025 Budget – Aerial Lift

Motion to approve the purchase of one (1) Niftylift SD64 from Lift-X-Lift Services at a total cost of \$106,669 for the Planning and Parks Department - Golf Division per the 2025 budget.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

11. 2024 Golf Course Operations Year in Review Summary and Recommended 2025 Golf Course Fees/Rates and Programs

Mr. Struck provided a brief summary of the 2024 golf season and reviewed the golf fee recommendations for 2025.

Questions and discussion on military rate and pay back on ID cards.

Motion to approve the recommended Golf Course fees and programs for the 2025 golf season at Hawthorne Hills and Mee-Kwon Golf Courses.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

Break: 10:52 AM

Reconvene: 10:57 AM

12. Recommendation of Natural Resources Projects to Executive Committee

Several projects were submitted by the Planning and Parks Department.

Mr. Dzwinel and Mr. Struck reviewed the projects recommended by staff and addressed questions from the committee.

Motion to support staff recommendations of HH Peters Youth Camp & Waubedonia Park Furnace Replacements; Hawthorne Hills Park Campground Road Paving; Hawthorne Hills Park Road Paving; Virmond Park Caretakers House Roof & Siding Replacement; Design/Engineering for Clay Bluffs/Cedar Gorge and Ansay Family Nature Preserve Buildings; State Road 60 East-West Ozaukee Interurban Trail Corridor Extension; Parks Zero Turn Mower, Waubedonia Park Playground Equipment and to also include the Clay Bluffs/Cedar Gorge Nature Park - Lake Michigan Public Access Improvements for consideration by the Executive Committee. The recommendations will move forward to the Executive Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Schoessow

EXCUSED: Jobs, Matera

b. Discussion Items:

1. Golf Course Division – Beverage Cart Analysis

The purpose of the County-provided carts, the current concessionaire contracts, the importance of beverage carts in serving patrons, the exchange of the current dedicated beverage carts for insert-style carts, and the rotation of carts between the Parks Division and the Golf Course Division were all covered by Mr. Struck.

2. Update on Planning and Parks Department Capital Projects and Planning and Parks Department Ecological Division Grant Projects

Mr. Struck outlined planned projects with the Highway Department including Mineral Springs Creek Restoration, Tendick Creek & Wetland Restoration, Virmond County Park Stormwater Wetland Restoration, Milwaukee River Oxbow Nature Preserve/ CTH W, Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve and Sucker Creek Stream Restoration, along with their funding and schedule.

3. Update on Temporary Pause on Federal Grants per Office of Management and Budget

Mr. Struck has not heard from federal agencies regarding the federal grants; therefore, work is proceeding as normal.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. P&PDept_MgmtReport&FinancialReport

Update on revenues, well placement and fire service at Hawthorne Hills and staffing.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 6, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Ross, seconded by Supervisor Schoessow to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Lisa M. Henning, Chief Deputy County Clerk