



MINUTES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 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	Present	
T. Matera	Supervisor District 7	Present	
K. Schoessow	Supervisor District 23	Present	

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Land & Water Management Director Vogeler, Planning & Parks Director Struck, Register of Deeds Laurin, Extension Area Director Sarkady, Regional Crops Educator Gartman, Deputy County Clerk Hoff and County Clerk Kretlow.

Others present: Supervisor Vogel

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

Ms. Kretlow reported on her attendance at the WCA Legislative Conference including information on walking quorums and Act 235 which goes into effect April 1, 2025.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 6, 2025

Motion to approve the February 6, 2025 minutes as submitted.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE	
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23
SECONDER:	B. Jobs, Supervisor District 3
AYES:	Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

5. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE

a. *Management/Financial/Informational Reports*

1. UW-Madison Division of Extension Ozaukee County Reports

Ms. Gartman provided an updated on the Forage Conference, webinars and program projects.

6. REGISTER OF DEEDS/LAND INFORMATION

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Register of Deeds/Land Information Monthly Report

Questions and discussion regarding Act 235 and indexing of records.

7. LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**a. Action Items:**

1. DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Application for 2026

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of WI DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management Grant for calendar year 2026.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

2. Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant Application for 2026

Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of DATCP Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant for calendar year 2026.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

3. Utilization of Tree Fund Account to Sponsor Ozaukee County Landowners at the Soil Health Seminar

Motion to approve the utilization of funds necessary from the tree account funds to support Ozaukee County residents to attend the Soil Health Seminar at 50% registration cost.

Discussion regarding the percentage of the registration cost to be covered.

Motion made by Supervisor Matera, seconded by Supervisor Schoessow to amend the motion from 50% to 100% of the registration cost. Motion carried. (5-0)

The vote was then taken on the motion as amended.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

4. Utilization of Tree Fund Account to Sponsor Ozaukee County Landowners at GrassWorks Grazing Conference

Motion to support utilization of funds necessary from the tree account to support Ozaukee County residents to attend the GrassWorks Conference at 100% registration cost.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

SECONDER: B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. LWM Monthly Reports

Ms. Vogeler provided an update on departmental goals. Discussion on funding pause for demo farm network.

8. PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items:

1. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Management – Surface Water Restoration Grant to Support Resiliency and Habitat Restoration on Mineral Springs Creek

Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$25,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Management - Surface Water Restoration grant for resiliency, fish passage and habitat restoration activities on Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next:**
3/27/2025 8:00 AM

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

2. Proposal and Contract for Professional Services for Design and Engineering for the Mineral Springs Creek Resiliency and Habitat Restoration

Motion to approve negotiation and signing of a professional services contract, contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval, with Living Water Consultants, Inc. for a not to exceed sum of \$57,137, which includes an approximate 15% contingency, for design and engineering services for Mineral Springs Creek resiliency and habitat restoration.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****MOVER:** B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson**SECONDER:** B. Jobs, Supervisor District 3**AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

3. Proposal and Contract for Professional Services for Design and Engineering for the Virmond County Park Green Infrastructure, Stormwater Management and Wetland Restoration and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve Wetland Restorations

Motion to approve negotiation and signing of a professional services contract, contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval, with Emmons & Oliver Resources, Inc., for a not to exceed sum of \$51,167, which includes an approximate 15% contingency, for design and engineering services for Virmond County Park green infrastructure, wetland restoration and stormwater management and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve wetland restoration.

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

4. Parks Division Equipment Purchase – Furnace and Air Conditioner Replacements at Waubedonia County Park - Caretaker's Residence per the Capital Fund Project

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of a Payne furnace and air conditioning unit replacement from Mueller Heating and Cooling, Inc. for a total cost of \$8,890 for the Waubedonia County Park caretaker's residence.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****MOVER:** B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson**SECONDER:** B. Jobs, Supervisor District 3**AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

5. Submittal and Acceptance of a Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin Go Outside Fund Grant for Invasive Species Field Days at Hawthorne Hills County Park
- Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Natural Resources Foundation Go Outside Fund grant program for invasive species field days at Hawthorne Hills County Park with local school children.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****MOVER:** B. Jobs, Supervisor District 3**SECONDER:** B. Ross, Vice-Chairperson**AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow

6. Resolution: Submittal and Acceptance of Outdoor Recreation Trail Aids - County Snowmobile Trail Aids Funding Through The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Motion to approve the resolution for the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Motorized Recreation Trail Aids grant funding program for the 2025-2026 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance funding. 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

7. Resolution: Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant for Public Access Improvements at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve

Motion to approve the resolution for the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Program to fund public access improvements at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve County Park. 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

8. Resolution: Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant for Public Access Improvements at Tendick Nature County Park

Motion to approve the resolution for the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Program to fund public access improvements at Tendick Nature County Park. 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: B. Jobs, Supervisor District 3****AYES: Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow**

9. Resolution: Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant for Acquiring Parcel 080161000200 in the Town of Saukville per 59.52(6)(a) And 27.065(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes as Part of the Riveredge and Cedarburg Bog Natural Area - County Project Area in the Adopted Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2050 for Addition to the Ozaukee County Park System

Discussion on the acceptance of the grant.

Motion to approve the resolution for the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance grant program for acquiring a parcel in the Town of Saukville as part of the Riveredge and Cedarburg Bog Natural Area - County Project Area in the adopted Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2050 for addition to the Ozaukee County Park Program. 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**

10. Resolution: Acceptance Of Title To The Property Located At 425 W Oakland Avenue (Parcel Id 160600099005), Port Washington, WI Per §§ 59.52(6)(A) And 27.065(1)(A) Wisconsin Statutes As Part Of The Mineral Springs Creek County Project Area In The Adopted Park And Open Space Plan For Ozaukee County: 2050 For Addition To The Ozaukee County Park System

Motion to approve the donation of the title to the property located at 425 W. Oakland Avenue (Parcel ID 160600099005), Port Washington, WI for addition to the Ozaukee County Park System per §§ 59.52(6)(a) and 27.065(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]****MOVER:** K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23**SECONDER:** B. Jobs, Supervisor District 3**AYES:** Holyoke, Ross, Jobs, Matera, Schoessow**b. Discussion Items:**

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

Update on capital funded projects and funding. Discussion on WisCorp and Tendick Creek wetland restoration project.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Planning & Parks Department Management and Financial Reports

Update on financials, revenue and the positive impact of the golf course simulators.

Mr. Struck distributed a letter addressed to the Sugar Maple Nature School and Governance Council regarding pending invoice items. The consensus of the committee members is to support the request and bring to the committee as an action item at the April 3 Natural Resources Committee meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

April 3, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Ross, seconded by Supervisor Jobs to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Anna Hoff, Deputy County Clerk