



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present	Supervisor Rob Holyoke, County Board Supervisor Bruce Ross, Supervisor Barbara Jobs, Supervisor Kurt Schoessow
Absent	None
Excused	Supervisor Tony Matera

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Policy and Budget Analyst Wittik, Land & Water Management Director Vogeler, Sanitation and Zoning Coordinator Pfister, Planning & Parks Director Struck, Register of Deeds Laurin, Extension 4-H Program Educator Quinlan, Deputy Clerk Hoff

Others present: Scott Fischer, Cindy Raimer - Director of Education of Sugar Maple Nature School, Ozaukee Press — Dan Benson, (9:30 AM) Supervisor Kincaide

2. PROPER NOTICE

Chairperson Holyoke called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The clerk noticed the meeting as required.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 8, 2026

Motion:	Motion to approve the January 8, 2026 minutes as submitted.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. To amend Chapter 19: Shoreland Protection Ordinance of the Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances

Chairperson Holyoke opened the first public hearing at 9:01 AM.

Ms. Voegler reviewed the project request.

Chairperson Holyoke closed the first public hearing at 9:05 AM.

6. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. UW-Madison Division of Extension Ozaukee County Monthly Reports

Ms. Quinlan provided an overview of the monthly reports. Discussion on Read Across America.

7. REGISTER OF DEEDS/LAND INFORMATION

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Register of Deeds/Land Information Monthly Reports

Ms. Laurin passed out brochures and gave an update on property fraud alert. Discussion on the 2025 excess funds.

8. LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items

1. Ordinance: Amending Ozaukee County Shoreland Protection Ordinance

Discussion approval process of the ordinance.

Motion:	Motion to amend Chapter 19: Shoreland Protection ordinance upon Corporation Counsel review. This ordinance will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

2. Application and Acceptance of 2027 DATCP SWRM Grants

Motion:	Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant for the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) for 2027.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Barbara Jobs
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. LWM Monthly Reports

Ms. Voegler provided an overview of the monthly reports.

9. PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items

1. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for 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 (4th Edition) for Addition to the Ozaukee County Park System

Motion:	Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$112,500 for the 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 (4th Edition) for addition to the Ozaukee County Park System. The budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

2. 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:	Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant 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.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Bruce Ross
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

3. Submittal and Acceptance of a Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, Inc. Grant for Invasive Species Management at Hawthorne Hills County Park

Motion:	Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant to the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, Inc. Grant for invasive species management in Hawthorne Hills County Park.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Barbara Jobs
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

4. Submittal and Acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest Coastal Program Grant for Habitat Restoration at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve

Motion:	Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant to the US Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest Coastal Program to fund habitat restoration at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve County Park.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Bruce Ross
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

5. Resolution: Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Municipal Flood Control Grant for Acquiring Parcel ID: 110500501024 Along County Highway Trunk W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Addition to the Ozaukee County Park System Per §§ 59.52(6)(A) and 27.065(1)(A) Wisconsin Statutes for River Oxbow, Floodplain and Wetland Restoration as part of the County Highway Trunk W Road Reconstruction and Restoration Project

Discussion regarding the location of property and parcel.

Motion:	Motion to approve the resolution for submittal and acceptance of a grant to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Municipal Flood Control grant program for acquiring property located in the Village of Saukville, WI (Parcel ID: 110500501024) for addition to the Ozaukee County Park System per §§ 59.52(6)(A) and 27.065(1)(A) Wisconsin Statutes. The resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Barbara Jobs
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

6. Resolution: Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program Grant for Construction of an East-West Multi-Use Bicycle Pedestrian Trail Extension of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Along Highway 60.

Discussion regarding the procedure for the submission and approval of this grant, and construction once it has been received.

Motion:	Motion to approve the resolution for submittal and acceptance of a grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Recreational Trails grant program for construction of an east-west multi-use bicycle pedestrian trail extension of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail along State Highway 60. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

7. Resolution: Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program Grant for a Multi-Use Bicycle / Pedestrian Bridge Over Cedar Creek as part of the East-West Extension of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Along State Highway 60

Discussion on Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants and Federal grants.

Motion:	Motion to approve the resolution for submittal and acceptance of a grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Resources Recreational Trails Program for construction of a multi-use bicycle pedestrian bridge over Cedar Creek adjacent to State Highway 60 in conjunction with the east-west OIT improvement project and a WisDOT road project for resurfacing STH 60. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Bruce Ross
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

8. Resolution: Declaration of the Second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day and Authorization for Ozaukee County to Apply to Retain its "Bird City Wisconsin" Recognition Status

Motion:	Motion to approve a resolution declaring the second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day in Ozaukee County and authorize the submittal of a renewal application by the Planning and Parks Department for retaining "Bird City Wisconsin" recognition and "High Flyer" status through implementation of criteria as a "Bird City Wisconsin". This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Barbara Jobs
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

9. Resolution: Land Preservation Trust Fund Funding for an Ozaukee County Conservation Easement and Fee Simple Purchase Program Per the Existing State Required Agricultural Land Conversion Fee Assessment

Mr. Struck explained that an existing statutory requirement is to assess agricultural land conversion fees at the time the land comes out of agriculture. The Town of Belgium is currently in the farmland preservation area and has expressed interest in participating in an easement program.

Motion made by Supervisor Ross, seconded by Supervisor Schoessow to approve the resolution for Land Preservation Trust Fund funding for an Ozaukee County Conservation Easements and Fee Simple Purchase Program per the existing State Required Agricultural Land Conversion Fee Assessment.

Discussion on programs the state offers, the development throughout the county and how to retain rural character in the county.

Mr. Dzwiniel stated that \$50,000 in revenue is assumed in the budget, which is not evident in the documentation provided. In short, \$50,000 of property tax levy is being taken to fund this program.

Further discussion on the strategic decision to be made as to how to invest the funds and the fiscal implications.

No vote was taken on the original motion.

Motion:	Motion to amend the motion to approve the resolution for Land Preservation Trust Fund funding for an Ozaukee County Conservation Easements and Fee
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	Simple Purchase Program per the existing State Required Agricultural Land Conversion Fee Assessment and that the documentation going to the County Board should reflect the fiscal implications of making this allocation. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

10. Contract for WisCorps Conservation Corps Teams to Assist Parks, Trail and Ecological Division Staff with 2026 Field Activities

Motion:	Motion to approve a contract with WisCorps Conservation Corps, contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval, to assist Planning and Parks Department - Parks, Trail and Ecological Division staff with 2026 field activities.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Barbara Jobs
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

11. Sugar Maple Nature School Site Plan, Storage Building and Natural Playground Approval Per County-Owned Lands Zoning Ordinance for Providing a Temporary Public Nature-Based Charter School Site at Hawthorne Hills County Park

Discussion on the land and structure plans, allocating funds towards Sugar Maple School, and renewal of the lease in the future.

Motion:	Motion to approve with conditions, the Sugar Maple Nature School storage building and natural playground plans per Resolution 23-44 and the Ozaukee County Owned Lands Zoning Ordinance to support the Sugar Maple Nature School at Hawthorne Hills County Park in the Town of Fredonia and Town of Saukville.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

12. Memorandum of Agreement Amendment #4 with Sugar Maple Nature School

Discussion on financial resources for landscaping around buildings and additional needs such as WI-Fi as grant funding has passed. The vision is to try to move toward a unified campus and color scheme with additional storage buildings.

Motion by Supervisor Ross, seconded by Supervisor Jobs to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Amendment #4 with Sugar Maple Nature School for construction of a (16 ft x 46 ft) storage shed and building pad and natural playground per the Park Master Plan at Hawthorne Hills County Park in the Town of Fredonia and Town of Saukville. No vote taken.

Motion:	Motion to amend the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Amendment #4 with Sugar Maple Nature School for construction of a (16 ft x 46
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	ft) storage shed and building pad and natural playground per the Park Master Plan at Hawthorne Hills County Park in the Town of Fredonia and Town of Saukville, according to proper planning to match the campus color scheme and landscaping with financial responsibility to Sugar Maple Nature School.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Bruce Ross
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

13. Recommendation of Natural Resources Capital Projects to the Executive Committee

There was a break at: 10:54 AM

The committee reconvened at: 10:59 AM

Several projects were submitted by the Planning and Parks Department. Mr. Dzwinel and Mr. Wittik reviewed the projects recommended by staff and addressed questions from the committee.

Motion:	Motion to support staff recommendations of Brownfield Assessments, CBCGNP Lake Michigan Public Access Improvements, Town of Saukville – Property Acquisitions, Solar PV Systems, Skid Steer, Batwing Mower, Parks Security Cameras – Virmond Stairway, Parks Security Gates & Cameras – Existing, Waubedonia Parks Paving for consideration by the Executive Committee. The recommendations will move forward to the Executive Committee for further action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Bruce Ross
Seconded by:	Barbara Jobs
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Bruce Ross, Barbara Jobs, Kurt Schoessow
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Discussion Items

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

Mr. Struck outlined current project plans, reporting that County Highway W is entering its final stages. Additionally, he informed the committee that weather conditions have caused a temporary delay in the Mineral Springs Creek restoration.

Supervisor Ross proposed that the Planning & Parks Department return the revised Gantt chart to the committee meetings in the future.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Monthly Reports

Mr. Struck provided an overview of the 2025 financials.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 5, 2026

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Ross, seconded by Supervisor Schoessow to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 11:28 AM.

Anna Hoff, Deputy Clerk