



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 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, Supervisor Tony Matera, Supervisor Kurt Schoessow, Supervisor Todd Ambs, Supervisor Daniel Vogel
Absent	None
Excused	None

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Human Resources Director McDonell, Land and Water Management Director Vogeler, Planning & Parks Director Struck, Register of Deeds Laurin, GIS Coordinator Lewis, Deputy Register of Deeds Van Eimeren, Area Extension Director Carroll, Dairy Educator Pena, County Treasurer Tretow, Deputy Clerk Reedy, Deputy Clerk Hoff

Others present: Leanne Albers - Lakefield Forum, Tim Entinger - Sugar Maple Nature School, Dan Benson - Ozaukee Press, Ben Donajkowski and Mark Harris

2. Proper Notice

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

3. Staff and Committee Introductions

Committee members and staff introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their duties and backgrounds.

4. Public Comments, Correspondence, Communications

Mark Harris inquired about the progress of Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve and Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve specifically inquiring about the rules and regulations governing public access due to liability concerns which may affect surrounding property owners.

Chairperson Holyoke advised him to monitor upcoming meeting agendas and noted that he is welcome to attend any meeting addressing those concerns.

5. Approval of Minutes

April 2, 2026

Motion:	Motion to approve the April 2, 2026 minutes as submitted.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Tony Matera
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs, Daniel Vogel

Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

6. University Extension Office

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

Extension Director, Pattie Carroll, reintroduced herself to the committee. Ms. Carroll outlined various responsibilities and projects that her team is involved in.

Mr. Pena stated he has been in discussions with dairy farmers regarding the changes in agriculture over the years. He is working to bring the United States of Agriculture (USDA) to Wisconsin, which aims to promote economic opportunity and improve quality of life. Additionally, Mr. Pena is organizing safety and educational training programs for farmers.

7. Register of Deeds/Land Information

a. Action Items

1. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment and Acceptance of the Wisconsin DMA FY26 Next-Gen 911 GIS Grant Track 2 Award

Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the GIS data layers affiliated with the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs / Office of Emergency Communications FY26 NextGEN 911 Grant - Track 2.

Motion:	Motion to approve the increase revenue budget amendment recognizing \$81,580 for the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs/Office of Emergency Communications (DMA/OEC) FY26 Next-Gen 911 GIS Grant Track 2 Award. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tony Matera
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambts, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Discussion Items

1. Land Information/GIS Update by Register of Deeds

Ms. Laurin stated Ms. Lewis announced her retirement date of July 31, 2026.

2. Land Information Office (GIS) Structure and Staffing by Human Resources

Mr. McDonell spoke about the current structure and the proposed restructuring of the Land Information Office, including discussion of the office becoming a stand-alone department.

Mr. Dzwiniel stated that the recruitment process will begin soon.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

Ms. Laurin stated there has been a rise in enrollments for the Property Fraud Alert services.

8. Land and Water Management

a. Discussion Items

1. LWM Virtual Tour and Metrics

Ms. Voegler gave a presentation on the Land and Water Management Department, highlighting the functions of its employees and the regions the department serves. She also provided a tour of the

department's website, including the county shoreland and septic maps. It was noted that permitting applications are now easily accessible on the department website.

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

An update was provided on the Clean Sweep Recycling Program, noting a record turnout for the event.

9. Planning and Parks Department

a. Action Items

1. Minor Land Division - Benjamin Donajkowski and Kaitlyn Donajkowski, owners and applicants, 4799 County Road LL, Port Washington, WI 53074, are requesting land division approval for a minor land division by Certified Survey Map (CSM) in accord with Section 19.1900 (Land Division Review) of the County Shoreland Protection Ordinance to create a division of land in the shoreland area, which results in a "minor land division". The property is located north of Ulao Road and east of County Highway C, in the Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, being a redivision of lot 2 of CSM No. 3996, being located in a part of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 22 East, in the Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin. Parcel Number(s): 060210600600. Total Acreage to be Divided: approximately +/- 30.0510 acres.

Mr. Struck explained the process of the minor land division and reviewed the land division finding and staff report. The Planning and Parks Department has no objection to the land division and recommends approval of the Certified Survey Map with conditions and corrections as outlined in the Staff Report.

Motion:	Motion to approve the minor land division for Parcel Number 060210600600 in the Town of Grafton with the conditions outlined in the Staff Report dated May 7, 2026.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Daniel Vogel
Seconded by:	Todd Ambs
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

2. Minor Land Division - Don and Rosanne Korinek, owners, 1440 Lakefield Road, Grafton, WI 53024, and Shane and Leanne Albers, applicants, 511 Cheyenne Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024, are requesting land division approval for a minor land division by Certified Survey Map (CSM) in accord with Section 19.1900 (Land Division Review) of the County Shoreland Protection Ordinance to create a division of land in the shoreland area, which results in a "minor land division". The property is located at 1440 Lakefield Road and 511 Cheyenne Avenue, Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, being a division of part of the SW ¼ and SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 30, Township 10 North, Range 22 East, in the Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin. Parcel Number(s): 060301200500 and 060301200100. Total Acreage to be Divided: approximately +/- 23.245 acres.

Mr. Struck stated this is a successive land division (redivision) to the original division granted in July 2025 and reviewed the minor land division findings and staff report. The Planning and Parks Department has no objections to the land division and recommends approval of the Certified Survey Map with conditions and corrections as outlined in the Staff Report.

Motion:	Motion to approve the minor land division for Parcel Numbers 060301200500 and 060301200100 in the Town of Grafton with the conditions outlined in the Staff Report dated May 7, 2026.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tony Matera
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs, Daniel Vogel

Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

3. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Cedarburg Foundation Grant for Flood Restoration and Repairs at Covered Bridge County Park

Mr. Struck stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is not offering any reimbursement to Ozaukee County.

Motion:	Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$10,000 for the Greater Cedarburg Foundation Grant for Flood Restoration and Repairs at Covered Bridge County Park. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Todd Ambs
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

4. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant for Stream and Habitat Restoration on Sucker Creek

Motion:	Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$200,000 for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Sustain Our Great Lakes grant to support stream and habitat restoration activities on Sucker Creek. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kurt Schoessow
Seconded by:	Tony Matera
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

5. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Coalition Grant to Host a Tour at Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding Supported Fish Passage and Coastal Parks Projects and Habitat Restoration Sites

Motion:	Motion to approve the increase of revenue budget amendment recognizing \$10,000 for the Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Coalition grant to host a tour at Great Lakes Restoration Initiative supported fish passage and coastal parks projects and habitat restoration sites. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Todd Ambs
Seconded by:	Tony Matera
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

6. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a We Energies Foundation Grant for Public Access Trail Development and Invasive Vegetation Management in Hawthorne Hills County Park

Motion:	Motion to approve the increase in revenue budget amendment recognizing \$5,000 for the We Energies Foundation grant for public access pedestrian trail development
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	and invasive species management in Hawthorne Hills County Park. This budget amendment will move forward to the Finance Committee for further action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tony Matera
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

7. Change Order for Professional Services for Design and Engineering, Permitting Support and Construction Oversight for the Milwaukee River Oxbow Nature Preserve Floodplain, Wetland and Historic Oxbow Restoration Project

This contract change order is due to the findings from a required Archeological Investigation.

Motion:	Motion to approve the negotiating and signing of a professional services change order amendment, contingent upon terms satisfactory to the Planning and Parks Department and Corporation Counsel, with Fish Creek Restoration LLC in the amount of \$55,948 for a not to exceed sum of \$119,923 for professional services for the Milwaukee River Oxbow Nature Preserve Floodplain, Wetland and Historic Oxbow Restoration Project.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Daniel Vogel
Seconded by:	Todd Ambs
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

8. Bid and Contract for Construction Related Services for the Golf Course Division Irrigation System at Mee-Kwon Park Golf Course

Mr. Struck clarified the need for the contractual service, discussed the quote and explained the reduction in water usage the new system will provide. He also noted his positive working relationship with Midwest Irrigation, LLC, based on collaboration on past projects.

Motion:	Motion to accept the bid from Midwest Irrigation, LLC and approve a contractual services contract, contingent upon terms satisfactory to the Planning and Parks Department and Corporate Counsel, with Midwest Irrigation, LLC for a not to exceed sum of \$1,082,620, which includes a 10% contingency to cover any potential change orders and associated expenses, for an irrigation system renovation and reconstruction at Mee-Kwon Park Golf Course.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tony Matera
Seconded by:	Kurt Schoessow
Ayes:	Rob Holyoke, Tony Matera, Kurt Schoessow, Todd Ambs, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Discussion Items

1. 2025 Planning and Parks Department year in review presentation

Mr. Struck delivered a presentation detailing each division of the department along with the grants awarded in 2025 totaling \$981,411.00.

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

Update on the status of various park projects. Discussion on status of Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

There were no questions.

10. Next Meeting Date

Set Meeting Day & Time

June 4, 2026 - 8:30 AM

The Natural Resources Committee meetings will remain on the Thursday after the first County Board meeting at 8:30 AM.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Supervisor Matera and seconded by Supervisor Schoessow to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM.

Brenda Reedy, Deputy County Clerk