

**LANGLADE COUNTY
WATER AND LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE
RESOURCE CENTER, 837 CLERMONT STREET
ANTIGO, WI 54409**

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, August 27 , 2013 at 3:30 P.M. in the Wolf River Room, Langlade County Resource Building, 837 Clermont Street, Antigo, WI 54409.

1. Meeting called to order at 3:30 P.M.
2. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present: Mike Klimoski
Eugene Kamps
Ronald Nye
David Solin
Jerrold Burns

Also Present: Duane O. Haakenson, Director
Jeff McKinney
Dave Tlusty

4. Approval of meeting minutes for July 30, 2013. Motion by Kamps, seconded by Burns to approve the meeting minutes for July 30, 2013 as mailed. All voting aye. No nays. Motion Carried.
5. Discuss/approve letter of intent to participate in 2015 Orthophotography program:
Tlusty: That's all it is, it's a letter of intent, it's noncommittal at this point but we have to sign it and send it in so that this group can go after other funding sources. If they can go to, for example, federal agencies and we have 25-30 counties that have sent in the letter of intent, that will get more money for the feds from state agencies. We did it this way last year and it worked fine. It's apparently noncommittal and we will get the 2015 air photo done from the same company and same process as before. We are doing it about 6 months sooner than they did last time so they can get into the budget cycle with the other agencies. The flight won't happen until 2015. I just need approval to sign the letter and send it in.

Motion by Nye, seconded by Solin to approve Dave signing the letter of intent. All voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

6. Review 2014 and 2015 budgets:
 - a. Haakenson: The 2014 and 2015 budgets were sent out to you prior. We had discussed previously, briefly at the July meeting, the 2014 budget is coming in right at the freeze so I don't foresee any issues with that. The 2015 budget is slightly over the freeze amount that Gary and I talked about. We talked again this afternoon and he worked in the conservation budget along with mine, because some of the salaries

are taken out of the SWARM dollars. So it looks like we're over by around \$10,000 but really only over by \$5,000. I did a budget reduction worksheet on taxroll supplies. We have been spending less and less on that every year to make up the difference. If you want, I can certainly entertain any questions or concerns, but you may want to hold off on approving it until we talk about our vacancy situation, because that will involve money issues. The problem is that Janet didn't have the health insurance. So when I did the reorganization plan I came in \$9,000 under so that looked good because we didn't have the health insurance. When you add \$20,000 for the family plan, I would have been over. We were not expecting we would lose Janet that quick. We don't know how this will play out, if we are going to put it on the fast track or wait and have someone start next year. Janet will be here until October 1st.

- b. Klimoski: Does she have a lot of things to get done?
- c. Haakenson: We have our land conservation projects, obviously she will try to do a lot of stuff before she leaves, but we don't wrap that up until November 15th, because that is the deadline for carryover to allocate the money for the next year. So October 15th through November 15th is always a very busy time trying to get all that done. We haven't gotten to the point where we have all the money spent that same year, so we are doing projects a year in advance, so we have to carry over that money. In order to carry it over you have to have all the designs done, permits applied for etc. before the 15th deadline or you don't get to carry that money over. If you don't carry it over you send it back to the state and your ranking drops and then when we ask for more money for salaries now that we have another person, we probably won't get it. So it's crucial that we do it this year. We can at the last minute transfer money to another county and you don't get penalized as much, but I'd rather not do that.

Motion by Solin, seconded by Nye to approve the 2014 and 2015 budgets. All voting aye. Motion carried.

- d. Kamps: Does health insurance kick in right away?
- e. Haakenson: After 3 months. So we do have that break. If we left it open until the first of the year and carried that salary money over, and the fact we only have to fund the insurance half the year, we probably would be able to do it with the vacancy money. Bottom line is even if we put this on the fast track, the soonest we would be interviewing anyone would be early October and by the time you would get someone would be the end of October. I don't want to be training anyone in that last two weeks right before deer season, it would not be an advantageous time to bring in a new employee.
- f. Klimoski: We could interview in October and tell them it would start the first of the year.
- g. Haakenson: The soonest I could advertise would be early next week, have applications due September 20th you need that week to look through and determine

and setting up interviews. The soonest we would be interviewing would be the 3rd or 4th of October.

- h. Klimoski: Why don't you put it out for the 15th of September and due the 1st part of October, interview the end of October and start date the first of the year.
 - i. Haakenson: That will work for 2014, but it won't work for 2015. When I talked to Gary about it he recommended I go to County Board for the money, but I don't know if we will need to.
 - j. Haakenson: We could do that or we can do an external search because we don't know what's out there in adjacent counties. There could be someone with more experience and/or more qualifications. If we hired internally, that would put us on the fast track and we would have someone sooner than later.
 - k. Klimoski: What is your preference?
 - l. Haakenson: If we didn't have this funding issue it would be an easy choice. If we can do the vacancy for awhile and go through the interview process. I just found out today the DNR is offering another application period this fall for the lake protection because they didn't get enough applications back in May. I would like to advertise next week, and interview whenever we can in October.
 - m. **Motion** by Solin, seconded by Burns to advertise the week of September 1st with applications to be due September 20th and interview the week of October 7th. All voting aye. Motion carried.
7. Bills were reviewed.
8. Closed session: not necessary
9. NR115 Status: Jeff and I went to the public hearings in Tomahawk on Thursday and listened to the comments. We discussed it this afternoon and it would be hard for me to submit a written comment at this time because they have never responded to this letter from January 17th. Robin and I talked about it a week or so ago and he feels we shouldn't stir this up right now, which I agree. The only comment I would have is probably negative and I don't want to send a negative letter to the DNR. When I talked to Robin I wrote that letter in a manner that says "this is my administrative ruling based upon the following determinations". I put the DNR on notice at that time that we felt our ordinance was good enough and in compliance with Act 170 and 115 and this was my administrative ruling. So if the DNR was ever to come back now in 2014 or 2015 and say we still need to change our ordinance to what the new NR115 says, we can pull this letter out and said no, we notified you in an administrative ruling fashion and we have it in our ordinance that any decision I make is appealable in a 30 day period. The DNR may have a different time frame, but it certainly isn't a couple of years, it may be 60 or 90 days. So if DNR would argue the fact that we need to change our ordinance now, I

don't think they would win. This is based on Robin's communication and it's documented this way with the head person, Heidi Kennedy, in Madison. She was the one doing the public hearing on Thursday. I don't see the value of adding a letter at this point because I took a great deal of mine and Robin's time in January and sent a letter to the DNR which they never answered. So for us to submit a comment in general about NR115 at this point seems pointless. I am afraid if I try to send something it will come across in a negative way. There are a couple things that are not addressed in our ordinance that the NR115 would allow, so at some point there may be public pressure that would come back to us that the state allows this why don't you. We can be more restrictive, but we may face public pressure. Right now for vegetation buffer we have 50 ft, the state has 35 ft. We have no intention to change this but we could face public pressure to change it back to the 35 ft. It's the same thing with height for structures less than 50 ft and the state addresses 35 ft and beyond, we could get pressure to adopt that to the 200 sq. ft.

10. Alternate date for September meeting:

- a. Haakenson: The 24th is iffy. My son has a home game that night at 4:30 or 5:00 and it's senior night so I need to be there. So if we don't have any public hearings and we started at 3 we could easily be done by 4:30. But if there are any public hearings it would go later.
- b. Klimoski: Why don't we start at 3:00 and if there are a couple public hearing we can start at 2.

11. Update on zoning, sanitary, real property listing, land division, and surveying activities:

- a. Enforcement Update: Haakenson: I have been talking to you about the Kelly mobile home violation in the Town of Antigo, and the difficulty in trying to get the papers served because the people are either in jail or in the hospital. We have a lot of violations that also involve drug arrests. The good news is Arlene Bonaci called this morning and said the mobile home was moved out of there. So that one is on the way of being resolved. We are working on another one with Alvin Temple and we believe he is in jail but may be getting out soon. I spoke with Ron Barger who has been out to the property several times. There aren't serious health violations where he can be of much assistance, so our position is to get the one mobile home off of there, but there is still a bunch of miscellaneous junk. This has been out there for a long time. I wanted to talk to the town about the junk issue. I found out Ron had been dealing with Petrosky from the town board and I have been trying to contact him and haven't been able to yet. We also had a letter from the town of Polar regarding 3 or 4 junk violations. After the board of adjustment meeting a week ago Monday I talked to Paul Schuman from the town board and he was going to take it back to the town. Jeff and I had inspected the properties and we didn't feel they were any worse than some of the neighbors. Also, from the time we had gotten the letter and the time it was looked at, some clean up was done. The town had sent them a letter. Two of them are on Hwy 64 and one is a farmer they have been after for years. The town was going to relook

at it and get back to me. We continue to deal with the real estate sanitary enforcement.

- b. Activity Update. Sanitary permits are at about 60 for the year, last year at this time we were at 63. So if we continue to have the level of activity this fall that we have had in the last couple months, if you remember this year with the late spring we had nothing until the middle of May, and last year in April we had started. So we have caught up. So if it continues hopefully the revenues will be up. I had Gary print a revenue sheet and we have for a total last year of \$87,100, right now we have \$53,183 which is 61% of the budget. Last year at this time we had brought in \$55,000. Unless the weather goofs us up this fall, we should have a better fall then we did last year. I may have to come back next month after I talk to Gary about how we will budget with the vacancy.

- 10. Motion by Solin, seconded by Kamps to adjourn meeting at 4:30 P.M. All voting aye. No nays. Motion Carried.

Jerrold Burns
Secretary

Duane O. Haakenson
Director Land Records & Regulations

Cc: WLUPC
County Clerk
Parties Involved