

## **Buffalo County Minutes**

**Committee/Board:** Land Management Committee

**Date of Meeting:** Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Chair election was held. There was a tie. Mr. Weiss made a motion to have Mr. Bork as tie-breaker vote. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion, motion Carried. Mr. Max Weiss was elected chair of the committee.

Vice Chair Election was held. Mr. Dwight Ruff was elected as Vice Chair.

### **Public Hearing**

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**Board Members Present:** Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. Dwight Ruff, Mr. John Sendelbach, Mr. Gary Stanton

**Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting:** Mr. Cale Severson, Ms. Patricia Malone, Mr. Lee Engfer, Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. Steve Duellmann, Mr. Alec Sundelius, Mr. Nathan Machula, Ms. Tina Anibas, Mr. Briar Golden, Mr. Brock Lederman, Mr. Ron Jasperson, Mr. Tyrone Lingenfelter, Ms. Jamie Weaver-in person. Mr. Joe Krumrie, Ms. Mary Campbell-Wood, Ms. Roxanne Halverson, Ms. Margo Traun, virtual.

The Notice of public hearing was read.

Public testimony was as follows:

Mr. Duellmann spoke in opposition of the rezone citing various concerns with having a special event campground near his property. He also spoke on concerns with the possibilities of future land use of his property. Mr. Lingenfelter-the applicant's agent-spoke on representing the interests of D&B Properties and camping for the large event they want camping space for. He stated this rezone would allow camping space within the parcel to allow more parking space closer to the racetrack during the event.

**Correspondence:** One letter of correspondence was received in opposition to the rezone and was in the Committee packet.

Mr. Ruff motioned to adjourn the hearing, second by Mr. Stanton, carried.

### **Public Meeting**

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Chairmen Mr. Weiss called the meeting to order

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**Public comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items:** none

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ Minutes of the previous meeting:** Mr. Stanton moved to approve the previous minutes, second by Mr. Sendelbach, carried.

### ***Zoning Portion***

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ An Ordinance to Amend the Official “Buffalo County Zoning District Map” – Town of Milton**

Mr. Stanton motioned to approve the rezone under the condition that they only use the field for camping for one event per year. Mr. Sendelbach second, motion carried.

*\*This motion was clarified in a future meeting that occurred on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023-see those minutes for clarification. The clarification removed the condition, as conditions are not allowed on rezones.*

**Review/Discussion ~ Modena Condemned House**

Mr. Severson read a letter from the town supporting a 30-day extension as the landowner is making progress towards razing the house. Ms. Weaver discussed sampling the well water for the possibility of house tenants receiving a WDNR grant for a new well. She also spoke on them having the chance get a 1% loan for drilling a new well. Mr. Weiss asked for clarification on what the present well is in the condemned house and if it is up to standards.

**Review/Discussion ~ Land Use Plan**

Mr. Weiss spoke on checking in on having a public meeting about the plan, having the towns look at the plan, and checking the current validity of the plan.

**Surveyors report-** Mr. Jasperson spoke on their progress in re-monumentation. He has found some original survey trees. He stated he will be done with the current town by the end of the year.

**GIS/LIO Report-** Mr. Machula spoke about having submitted the parcel data to the state. The base budget grant will be about the same as previous. The dollar amount received from the special initiative grant will be decreasing. He has been working on a new GIS parcel platform.

### ***Ag and Extension Portion***

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program.**

Alec Sundelius introduced himself. He explained the Damage Abatement and Claims program to the committee. Lee Engfer signed off on the damage claim because the previously scheduled meeting was postponed, and Sundelius needed to meet a DNR deadline to submit the paperwork. He will also attend the October meeting to have the committee review and approve the program budget. It is pass-through money and doesn't cost the county any tax dollars.

**Review/Discussion ~ Pepin County 4-H Position/Joint Meeting update –** Dwight Ruff updated the committee on the joint meetings he attended with Pepin County representatives. The group discussed the possibility of entering into a sharing arrangement with Buffalo County. The joint committee discussed a number of pros and cons, but Pepin County chose to go ahead with hiring a half time 4-H position. The position has been advertised and three candidates have applied.

**Review/Discussion ~ FoodWise position update**

Malone updated the committee on the changes in the FoodWise position. With Marie Ritscher's retirement, the program needed to hire a new coordinator and educator. The decision was made to appoint April Duval to the coordinator position. This returns the program to a four county program, which is what it was when it initially began in the 1990's. There is currently one .8 educator, and April and I will be hiring another .6 to .75 educator position. With the changes in students in free and reduced lunch programs in the schools, FoodWise will be focusing more on adult and senior programming in a variety of settings.

**Educator Reports**

Malone shared the educator reports that Mary Wood and Carl Duley prepared. Mary's work with criminal justice systems was highlighted. We also shared the impact that incarceration has on children in Wisconsin. We highlighted a few of her other programs as well. The committee also reviewed Carl Duley's report. It was quite comprehensive and shared the wide variety of programming he is conducting. The group focused their questions and discussions on the hazelnut project Carl is working on. Dwight Ruff asked if it was possible to get an extension on the grant supporting the program because not as many hazelnuts were available for planting as expected. The written reports are available in the Extension Office.

***Land Conservation portion***

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ CapX allotment of \$5,000 to Pronchinske for trout stream improvement**

Mr. Severson spoke on this topic. There is a blowout of the streambank that is in need of repairs. Mr. Ruff motioned to allot the CapX money to the project. Mr. Stanton second. Roll call vote-all yes.

**Review/Discussion ~ LCD Updates since last meeting**

Mr. Severson spoke on the work going into getting trout stream work done in the coming years in partnership with DNR, USFWS, NRCS, TU, BCCA and possibly others on Waumandee and Danuser creeks along with Swinns Valley. He also spoke on upcoming cost share projects on several dams, waterways and critical area seedings.

**Land Management Director/County Conservationist Report**

Mr. Severson spoke on the fact that the County is still in need of an Assistant Zoning Administrator. The Committee stated that they are willing to help in any way they can in getting assistance to the Department. Hiring an LTE was brought up, several ideas were discussed.

**Chairperson's Report**-nothing

**Next Meeting Date and Time**- May 19<sup>th</sup> 8am

**Public comment not related to agenda items**- none

**Adjournment**- Mr. Stanton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:27pm, Mr. Sendelbach second, carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cale Severson, Land Management Director  
Pat Malone, Area Extension Director

