



Zoning and Conservation 09/07/2011

Minutes

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Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Committee

September 7, 2011

Committee Members Present: Jim Bassett, Bruce Paulsen, Warren Johnson, Fred Zietlow, Chuck Gunderson, Bernie Kadlec

Others Present: Kris Mayberry – County Clerk, Dale Olson – ZAC Administrator, Tom Aartila – DNR, Dan Tyrolt – LCO Conservation, Len Eckerly – Hunter, Dick Dewhurst – Hayward, Terrell Boettcher – SCR.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Bassett.

Motion by Paulsen, second by Gunderson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Zietlow, second by Johnson to approve the August minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition

None.

Placid Lake Diversion Canal

Olson updated the committee on the application of dam removal grant for up to \$47,000. The grant program was recommend by committee member Johnson. The review period is 60-90 days. Discussion of other possible county dam projects. Update on NN culverts, the replacement will take place September 12th. Tiger Cat Association representative Bob Oehlsen stated the association is against dropping the water level of the flowage. Olson stated the coffer dam permit is applied for and approved – the water levels will not go down.

Round Lake Watershed Management Issues

The tour of the watershed area that was slated for August will be held at a later date. On Monday, September 12, the NN culverts will be lowered. Staff will be onsite, and has requested DNR staff to be onsite as well. Aartilla explained that the DNR may stop in at the job site but would not be onsite the entire construction time due to policy. Johnson requested the request for DNR staff onsite be forwarded to Madison. Paulsen stated he would like to see DNR staff onsite.

County Clerk Kris Mayberry reported that Mic Isham agreed with the wild rice plan. Olson talked to GLIFWC and the seeding, rate and site selection all met approval. Wild rice is not abundant this year. Dan Tyrolt suggested rice from the tribal cranberry bog rice stand if other areas came up short.

Cell Tower Ordinance

Draft 1.6 was handed out. Discussion regarding distances. Motion by Paulson, second by Bassett to approve the ordinance and pass it on to the public committee. Discussion on closer by variance, fee schedule, height limit qualification on page 8 letter D. Motion failed. Discussion on deed restriction for height, variance verbage "except by variance" to be added. Item added to October meeting agenda.

Flood Plain Maps

Olson worked with GIS Specialist Brian Devries using Grindstone lake as a test subject for in-house flood plain mapping. Discussion of county obligation. Paulsen requested a written directive from Tom Duffy.

NRCS

No representative present.

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DNR

Tom Aartilla told the committee that there will be staff hired in Eau Claire and that the DNR reorganization will include more territory for supervisors. He reported that the Grihm Dam was removed, and that the area may be good sturgeon spawning habitat.

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LCO

Dan Tyrolt, LCO Conservation, said the water sampling is wrapping up, the Little Round EWM point intercept survey did not show any EWM but plenty of good native plants, and that there is more boat traffic and jet ski use in the Billyboy area, putting pressure on an already sparse rice stand this year.

Land Sale

County Clerk Kris Mayberry distributed the 2011 land sale list and gave an overview of the listings with maps. The committee discussed setting prices for #26 & #28. Motion by Paulsen, second by Gunderson to approve the list as presented with the price for #26 set at \$3,000 and the price for #28 set at \$80,000 starting bid. Motion carries.

Habitable Structure Definition

Gunderson updated the committee that little progress has been made to come to a consensus for the definition of "habitable structure". Olson gave an update also and presented a draft form for property owners to sign indicating they would convert a habitable structure back into an accessory structure when a new dwelling was constructed and have it recorded with the register of deeds. Monitoring such uses is difficult to enforce. Item to be discussed again at the October meeting.

County Work Report

Olson gave an update and distributed handouts of permit numbers and a county comparison worksheet on fees. Projects included bog removal, buffer zone checks, the lake septic system survey was completed, violations, parks, WI fund applicants, and permits.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion by Gunderson, second by Bassett to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Motion carried.

Shoreland Ordinance

The Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance will be discussed at the public ZAC meeting on September 16. There have been a couple of changes and corrections. There will be a public informational meeting at the lakes forum on Saturday September 17th. NR115 has been suspended at the state level but Sawyer County will proceed as the current ordinance is not that much more restrictive. Dick Dewhurst, Town of Hayward, discussed the definition of a bluff. Olson stated the error had been fixed and was changed from percent to degrees. Add verbiage to 14.9 Bluff setback to indicate the 75' setback still applies. Discussion of retaining walls.

Budget

Review of budget detail. Vehicle request was reviewed. Overall little increase after vehicle request is added. Motion to approve the budget and move to the finance committee by Paulson, second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Other Business for Discussion

Discussion of a certificate of recognition for the summer intern, Pat Brown. Olson will draft a certificate.

Motion by Johnson, second by Gunderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Kelly Nechuta, Recorder