

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlene Staples at 2:03 p.m.

Roll call was conducted. Members present included, Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny, Supervisor Nancy Russell, Chair Charlene Staples, USDA/FSA Representative Matthew Polyock, and Citizen Member Rosemary Badame. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Board Supervisors: Randy Timms

County Staff: David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Shannon Haydin, LURM Deputy Director

On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by Supervisor Kilkenny, the September 12, 2016 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- Discussion/Possible Ordinance Amendment Action – Construction Site Erosion & Sediment Control and Storm Water Management update, Section 23, Article I, II, III

Shannon Haydin, Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Deputy Director, gave a brief overview of the proposed amendment that is scheduled for a County Zoning Agency public hearing in November. The proposed language and changes will be distributed to the Committee for their input one to two weeks prior to the public hearing.

- Discussion/Possible Action – Correspondence from Supervisor Randy Timms regarding Amendment to Section 2-143 of the Code of Ordinances

Michael Cotter, Director of LURM/Deputy Corporation Counsel, gave a brief overview of Section 2-143 and stated language was left out of a previous amendment. He said the proposed amendment will include language that states a citizen member may not own property in the district. Cotter said this section will be further amended to include language that states a County Board Supervisor may not receive a per diem for serving on a lake district.

Supervisor Russell made a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, to table the Amendment to Section 2-143 of the Code of Ordinances until the November 14, 2016 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

- Discussion/Possible Action – SEWRPC Proposed Chloride Study

Cotter referred to information on Pages 6 thru 13 of the packet. Supervisor Russell stated that she and Charles Coleman presented the chloride issue to SEWRPC. Russell expressed her concern with the increase of salt in various watersheds; there is nothing that absorbs the salt, which could potentially become toxic. Russell stated SEWRPC is proposing the study be funded by various groups. Haydin said she attended the Wisconsin County Code Administrators meeting. At that meeting a Minnesota researcher provided a statistic that per lane mile Wisconsin used twice as much road salt as Minnesota in 2015. Haydin said this is something the jurisdictions need to review. She said the Winter Road Maintenance Conference in Whitewater next week is getting more attention and there are currently 31 individuals from Walworth County who will be attending.

Supervisor Russell made a motion, second by Citizen Member Badame, to create a resolution supporting the SEWRPC Proposed Chloride Study. Motion carried 5-0.

▪ Discussion/Possible Action – Nippersink Watershed Study Grant
Haydin gave a brief overview of the Nippersink Watershed Study Grant. She said SEWRPC estimated a cost of \$100,000 to perform a more robust plan than the 9 key element plan. She said a 9 key element plan, when written for projects within a watershed, will open additional funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Haydin stated the study would be a four year project for an estimated \$25,000 per year. The River Planning Grant would cover approximately \$10,000 leaving the County to come up with \$15,000. She said if the County were to apply for a \$25,000 grant, the first phase would involve modeling, data collection, and some instream monitoring, which the County could seek assistance from the DNR. If moving forward the money were not available, Walworth County would retain this data. Haydin stated with a four year project there is no guarantee what will happen in any given year. She said LURM is comfortable moving forward with SEWRPC because of the familiarity with SEWRPC's product, but they also believe it is possible for LURM to pull together a plan themselves. Haydin stated currently there is not \$15,000 in the budget for this project, but the possibility exists that some funds may be available from the LURM erosion permitting fees to help fund the project. However, the County would have to come up with additional money to fund the study. The grant application is due in December. Discussion then focused on the portions of Nippersink located within Kenosha and Walworth counties; whether or not Kenosha County and/or the Village of Bloomfield would be willing to partner with Walworth County; costs associated with performing the 9 key element plan, whether it be SEWRPC, LURM, or a collaboration of the two; and the approach to be taken once the problems have been identified. Cotter stated the matter would be brought back to the Committee in November along with some maps.

Supervisor Russell made a motion, second by Supervisor Kilkenny, to have the Land Use and Resource Management Department (LURM) further research the Nippersink Watershed Study Grant and to establish parameters and costs for the project. Motion carried 5-0.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, November 14, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Kilkenny, second by Citizen Member Badame, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by Trisha Sommers, Administrative Clerk. Meeting minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.