

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Land Information Committee

Date of the Meeting: November 16, 2018

Chair Mr. Barry Drazkowski called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in the third floor County Board meeting room, Buffalo County Courthouse, Alma, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present: Mr. Barry Drazkowski, Mr. David Danzinger appeared via phone, Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. Dennis Bork and Mr. John Ebert.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Ms. Sonya Hansen, Ms. Tina Anibas, Mr. Joe Nelsen, Ms. Carol Burmeister and Mr. Jason Poser.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Dennis Bork seconded by Mr. Max Weiss to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as sent. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – Resolution to Authorize Appointment of County Surveyor:

Ms. Sonya Hansen informed the Committee that the County Surveyor is appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The present appointment of Joe Nelsen ends on December 31, 2018. Ms. Hansen stated that other counties and private industry had inquired as to how the County was going to proceed with surveying needs in 2019 and whether a Request for Proposal was going to be issued for the position of County Surveyor.

The Committee discussed the current status of the remonumentation projects and what the impact would be on the County if there was a change in personnel.

Mr. Joe Nelsen stated that there is a difference in qualifications and needs for a county that is in the process of remonumentation or if they have completed the remonumentation and need only maintenance.

A motion was made by Dennis Bork to approve the recommendation of the reappointment of Joe Nelsen to carry out the duties of the Buffalo County Surveyor until December 31, 2019 to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors at their next meeting. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – Expense Remaining 2017/2018 WLIP Education and Training Grants Towards Attendance of the 2019 ESRI Conference:

Land Information Council reviewed this request and recommended the approval for Land Information Officer Mr. Jason Poser to attend the National ESRI Conference in July 2019 in San Francisco, California at an approximate cost of \$1,500.00 using grant funding. Mr. Dennis Bork made a motion to approve Mr. Jason Poser attending the 2019 ESRI Conference, seconded by Mr. Max Weiss. Motion Carried with Mr. David Danzinger abstaining from the vote and Mr. Barry Drazkowski voting no.

Review/Discussion/Action – 2019 WLIP Grant(s) Application Approval:

Chair Mr. Barry Drazkowski advised the Committee that the Land Information Council had approved the 2019 WLIP Grant(s) Applications and that no additional action is required of the Land Information Committee. He indicated that the 2019 WLIP Grants applied for are as follows:

Training and Education Grant Application	\$ 1,000.00
Strategic Initiative Grant Application	\$50,000.00
Base Budget Grant Application	\$78,448.00

Review/Discussion/Action – Land Records Modernization Plan: Chair Mr. Barry Drazkowski stated that the Land Information Council approved the plan with the modifications and that no additional action is required of the Land Information Committee. Ms. Sonya Hansen stated that the County Board of Supervisors will need to adopt the plan after receiving approval from the State.

Review/Discussion/Action – County Surveyor’s Report: The Committee reviewed the County Surveyor’s Report for office hours and work completed since the last meeting.

Review/Discussion – Land Information Officer’s Report: The Committee reviewed the written report prepared by the Land Information Officer.

Review/Discussion/Action – Strategic Planning for the County’s Land Information Program:

This agenda item will need to be discussed at future meetings. Ms. Sonya Hansen indicated that the Committee of the Board could review the makeup of the Land Information Council to reduce the number of County Board members on the Land Information Council. The Land Information Council is created by State Statutes and the Land Information Committee is created by the County Board Rules of Government. She indicated having all County Board members of the Land Information Committee serving on the Land Information Council appears to be an inefficient use of committee time.

Review/Discussion/Action – Updates on Remonumentation Conversations with Towns:

Mr. Max Weiss indicated that he had spoken with Mr. Herb Pelke, Chair for the Town of Maxville, and reported that they are invited to attend their township meeting on December 11, 2018. He further stated that there appears to be a lack of communication between the Townships and the County regarding the remonumentation project.

Ms. Sonya Hansen stated that she had contacted Mr. Ben Adank, Chair for the Town of Milton, and that they would welcome someone to speak with them at their January or February town meeting. She would follow up with the meeting dates in December.

Mr. John Ebert stated that he would be contacting the Chair for the Town of Nelson and that he had misunderstood as he had thought talking points were going to be developed prior to contacting the Chair.

Mr. David Danzinger stated that he had spoken with the Town of Canton Chair and that they were concerned about costs. Mr. Jason Poser informed the Committee that a notice had been received by the Town of Canton stating that they do not have funding for the project and that they are requesting the County to pay the costs as the County is statutorily responsible for remonumentation.

Mr. David Danzinger stated that the Town of Belvidere has funding available for the project but needs a commitment from the County. He indicated that there is still some concern on whether or not a Request for Proposal should be done.

The Committee discussed the need for a formal agreement or obtaining a Letter of Intent with the townships that want to move forward to complete the remonumentation project.

The Committee discussed that they will need to look for ways to fund the project other than just CAPX2020 funding and WLIP grant funding, how to be “fair” recognizing townships that have completed the project already and how to determine how the work will get done.

It was the recommendation of the Committee to have this be a discussion at the Committee of the Board and to continue the discussions with the townships and development of a plan to get the project completed.

Review/Discussion – Chair Report: The Chair had nothing further to report to the Committee.

Public Comments: Ms. Sonya Hansen inquired into how the Committee would like to evaluate the department manager. It was the consensus of the members to have the Administrative Coordinator complete the evaluation and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Land Information Committee is scheduled for January 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourned: Mr. Dennis Bork made a motion to adjourn at 11:36 a.m., seconded by Mr. Max Weiss. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya J. Hansen
Recording Secretary