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**CALUMET COUNTY
PLANNING, ZONING, LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
October 8, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

Chairperson Prescott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present: Prescott, Hofberger, Kleckner Laughrin, Mayer, Ruhland, Stillman

Jeff Yelton, County Board Supervisor was also present
Alice Connors, County Board Chair and Todd Romenesko, County Administrator were present for the Clean Water Act portion of the agenda

County Staff present for all or a portion of the meeting: Reali, Mooney & Santry

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

4. Approve Agenda

Motion by Stillman, seconded by Kleckner to approve the agenda. County Board Supervisor Yelton asked about stormwater management and the rules regarding liquid manure spreading. Chair Prescott indicated that the two subjects could be put on the agenda for the November meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve Minutes from the September 3, 2014 Committee Meeting

Motion by Stillman, seconded by Laughrin, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation (if Honored by Committee Chair)

There were no members of the public present therefore there was no public participation.

7. Report of Committee Members

Stillman reported on a WCA meeting he attended regarding phosphorus compliance.

Ruhland and Hofberger reported on a Karst Workshop presented by UW Extension and indicated that the workshop was very informative.

Laughrin reported on Stormwater and Karst Workshop presented by East Central Regional Planning.

8. Communications

Discussed were:

- **DATCP Report; September, 2014**

Reali reported that Amanda Kleiber had served on the Nutrient Management Quality Assurance Team. In her opinion, area crop consultants prepare higher quality plans in comparison to other areas of the state.

- **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel – 3 part Series; Algae in Lake Erie; Dead Zones in Green Bay; Changes in America’s Dairyland**
- **Wisconsin Watch; Kewaunee County Board unanimously approves waste spreading limits**
Laughrin reported that Stillman and himself had attended a Kewaunee County Board Meeting regarding the new Karst Ordinance. The ordinance was approved at the Kewaunee County Board level. The ordinance will now undergo a series of town referendums in the spring and will only be administered in the towns where the majority of voters approve it.

9. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

a. New Business

- **Resolution Authorizing and Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Application for Calumet County**
Motion by Ruhland, and seconded by Kleckner to approve this resolution and forward to County Board. Diane Schauer, AIS Coordinator will speak at next month’s meeting about the AIS Program if possible. Committee members indicated full support for the continuation of the program. Dave Bolha of Wisconsin DNR also indicated his support of the program and the outstanding work done by Schauer. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Resolution Authorizing a Lake Classification Grant Application for the Cal-Man Lakes Watershed**
Motion by Klecker, and seconded by Laughrin to approve this resolution and forward to County Board. Santry discussed with the committee the purpose of the grant which is to continue water quality monitoring work in the lakes which will also include sediment sampling within the lakes to determine internal phosphorus loading. Motion carried unanimously.
- **NaCo – Clean Water Act – Definition of Waters of the U.S.**
Motion by Laughrin and seconded by Ruhland to send letter of concern to The Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding new definitions of Waters of the U.S. New definitions may expand the scope of waters that would fall under federal jurisdiction resulting in possible expensive and time consuming permitting processes for activities that at this time fall under local jurisdiction. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Certified Survey Map; Van Deraa; Town of Rantoul**
Committee member Mayer excluded himself from the discussion and action. Mooney presented to the committee the CSM and explained that due to the lots being created not having public road frontage that a private road is necessary in order to allow the land division and that the requirement for public road frontage must be waived by the Committee. After discussion there was a motion by Laughrin and seconded by Stillman to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Discussion on private roads**
A discussion was had regarding private roads and whether or not Calumet County should allow private roads when a lot is being created where there is not public road frontage. Mayer indicated that private roads are not allowed within

any of the adjacent counties. This is due in part to the inconsistencies with maintenance on private roads. Staff was directed to contact the towns to gauge their feelings on the allowing private roads.

- **Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association – State Support for County Land Conservation**

Reali indicated that he was looking for approval from the committee send a letter to our state politicians regarding the importance and County Land Conservation Staff & State Support. Committee members all agreed and Reali was directed to move forward.

- **Brian Maedke; USDA/APHIS; Wildlife Damage Abatement 2015 Budget and update**

Maedke distributed the 2015 budget and the 2014 list of enrollees which included 8 participants. Majority of enrollees are controlling geese with a couple controlling deer. Maedke indicated that the crop damage rates could be determined at the November committee meeting. Motion by Ruhland, and seconded by Laughrin to approve the budget and continue with the program. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Agency and Association Reports (If Present, the Agency Report May be Moved to the Communication Section of the Agenda)

- **Glacierland RC & D Update**

Hofberger reported that due to lower funding of Glacierland that the board has become smaller. Although there is less total involvement in Glacierland RC & D there has been an increase in full time workers within the organization.

- **Dave Bolha; WI DNR; Update on Water Quality Monitoring**

Dave Bolha presented the committee with a report regarding water quality monitoring for phosphorus that has been taking place in the Upper Fox Wolf and Wolf River Watershed. Monitoring points in Calumet County consisted of Mill Creek, Mud Creek & Brothertown Creek. Monitoring was completed to assist with Total Maximum Daily Load development.

11. Report of Department

- **ECWRPC Technical Assistance Projects**

Mooney discussed with the committee the need for ideas on projects for ECWRPC to assist the county with. Ideas that were discussed for this year were....

- Job Fair
- Economic statistics work for the City of New Holstein to assist with business growth
- Assistance with development of an Ag Research Park in Hilbert

Two projects can be requested by the county each year.

12. Upcoming Events/Past Events

- **Karst and Stormwater Workshop; October 9; Kimberly**

Reali Indicated that he and Ben Kingery were registered to attend

- **WI Land and Water 2014 Fall Technical Tour; October 10; Monroe County**

- **Rural Arts Roadtrip; Weekend of October 11; Calumet County**

- **LWLWCA Fall Meeting; October 24; Oshkosh**

It was discussed that the final County Board strategic planning meeting was set for the same date so County Board Supervisors would not be able to attend. Citizen members Ruhland, Mayer & Hofberger may attend and would let staff know if they were interested. Motion by Stillman, and seconded by Laughrin to approve per diems for those interested. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss Next Meeting Date

- **November 5, 2014, 9:00 am**

14. Adjourn

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Hofberger, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Anthony Reali, County Conservationist