

LAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
 December 7, 2021
 Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S Oneida Ave
 Second Floor – Committee Room 2
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Council Members	Sonny Paszak	Ted Cushing
Tara Ostermann	Kyle Franson	Sara Jewell
Jake Simkins	Michael Romportl	Jeff DeMuth

Call to Order and Chairs announcements. Chair Paszak called the meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at 1:00 p.m. and noted that the meeting notice was properly posted and the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. All Council Members were present. Others present: Karl Jennrich, Planning and Zoning, Art Hilgendorf, Land Information.

Public Comments
 No public Comments.

Approve agenda for today's meeting.
Motion/Romportl/Cushing to approve today's agenda. All ayes.

Approve minutes of the Land Council meeting of December 10, 2020. Motion/DeMuth/Franson to approve the minutes from December 10, 2020 meeting. All ayes.

Land Council members s59.72(3m) Wis. Stats., and recommendations for vacancies.
 Romportl reviewed current Council members and positions. Cushing (realtor), DeMuth (private surveyor), and Simkins (emergency services) all agreed to remain a member of the council. Land Information and Land Records Chair will be determined after elections in April, others are in position based on their employment.
Motion/DeMuth/Franson to forward recommendations of members to the County Board. All ayes

Land Record departments' 2021 activity report.
 Ostermann reported that the tax bills were sent out last week. The Treasurer's Office has been receiving many calls with questions regarding tax bills particularly the POWTS charge. Otherwise was very busy over the year and new tax program is working well.

Jewell gave an update on the Ascent Real Property and tax system and reported that the tax bill preparation and printing went well, without any major issues. It was a very busy year for Real Property with deeds.

Franson reported that it has been a record year for the Register of Deeds with recordings and transfer fees. The biggest project in the works is the back-indexing of documents. Franson wants to get back to at least 30 years with the ultimate goal being 60 years.

Simkins gave an update on NextGen. He anticipates it coming sooner than expected. Hilgendorf also talked about NextGen and ESInet, which is network that will run NextGen, which is being handled by AT&T.

Romportl informed the committee of the grant received by Oneida County from the USGS, which along with capital improvement funds, will be used to update our LiDAR data from 1 point per square meter to 8 points per square meter. A request to update the floodplain maps was submitted to the Funding Opportunities Committee for pandemic relief funds but was given low importance. The GIS environment was replaced, the v7 parcel data has been submitted and accepted by the state and we continue to receive many compliments with our GIS program.

Jennrich explained the new \$5 fee added to the tax bills of those with private onsite waste treatment systems (POWTS). Jennrich also anticipates that prior to construction season of 2022 they will be live with permits on the Ascent system. Jennrich spoke highly of Oneida County's GIS program and how helpful it is for the Planning and Zoning Office.

DeMuth talked about the PLSS program and made a recommendation that the corner restoration forms be stored in the Land Information Office which would make it simpler for surveyors so they are more likely to do them. He also requested that the Register of Deeds consider making Certified Survey Maps able to be electronically recorded, which would make it easier for the surveyors to record them.

Cushing gave an updating on the redistricting process, explaining that there were no major hiccups and that overall it went well and was very appreciative of the assistance staff provided. He said real estate activity is still very heavy and expects that to continue into next year.

Review – approval of 2022-2024 Oneida County Land Information Plan for continued participation in the Wis Land Information Program.

In order for Oneida County to continue in the Wisconsin Land Information program so money from recording fees can be retained by the County for funding, this plan must be updated every three years. The Committee and Departments were sent copies of the drafted plan over the last several months to review and make edits/suggestions and Romportl met with departments and discussed at Land Records meeting and made changes/suggestions to the final document. DeMuth pointed out two minor typos in the plan.

Motion/Cushing/Franson to approve the final 2022-2024 Oneida County Land Information Plan with corrections as noted and submit to the State. All ayes.

Status of Oneida County Land Information Plan projects and 2022 Wis Land Information Program Grants.

Romportl informed the committee that the 2020 strategic initiative grant has been closed out. There was \$10,000 of the base budget grant to be put towards purchasing a new GPS unit, but a suitable unit has not been found yet, so an extension to spend that money has been granted. The 2021 grant will be closed out shortly.

Wisconsin Land Information Program 2022 Base Budget, Training & Education and Strategic Initiative Grant Application.

Romportl reviewed the grants for the 2022 Wisconsin Land Information Program and Benchmarks. This year the State is awarding \$60,000 to all counties through the Strategic Initiative grant. Romportl recommends that we put \$50,000 towards Public Land Survey work, and designate \$10,000 towards a new GPS unit to be combined with money available for a GPS from two years ago (\$10,000) which adds up to \$20,000 for a GPS unit as it is like going to be more than \$10,000.

Motion/DeMuth/Franson to designate \$50,000 of the WI Land Information Program Strategic Initiative grant towards Public Land Survey work and \$10,000 towards a new GPS unit and submit grant application. All ayes

Public Comment/Communication.

Romportl indicated that he will be retiring in April 2022 so this will be his last Land Council meeting. DeMuth spoke highly of Romportl and the work he has done for Oneida County. Jennrich also offered praise for the job Romportl has done not just for the work he has done in the Land Information Office but helping other departments and making Oneida County better as a whole. Romportl thanked the Committee and county Board for the support over the years. He also said the success of the program is due to the great staff he has now and has had over the years and thanked all of them.

Date of next meeting and items for agenda.

The tentative date for the next meeting is December 7, 2022.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Sonny Paszak Chair