

LAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
 December 10, 2020
 Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S Oneida Ave
 Second Floor – County Board Room
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Council Members	Sonny Paszak	Ted Cushing
Kris Ostermann	Kyle Franson	Sara Jewell
Ken Kortenhof	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 10:01 a.m. and noted that the meeting notice was properly posted and the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. All Council Members were present, with the exception of Sara Jewel, who was absent. Others present: Karl Jennrich, Planning and Zoning; Tara Ostermann, Treasurer; Jason Rhodes, Information Technology; Holly Pettersson, Real Property

Public Comments

No public Comments.

Approve agenda for today’s meeting.

The Committee continued on with the agenda.

Approve minutes of the Land Council meeting of December 4, 2019. *Motion/Romportl/Franson to approve the minutes from December 4, 2019 meeting. All ayes.*

Land Council members s59.72(3m) Wis. Stats., and recommendations for vacancies.

Romportl reviewed current Council members and positions, then introduced Jeff DeMuth who has been surveying for over 25 years and could fill the position of surveyor employed in the County. Tara Ostermann was introduced by Kris who will assume the duties of Treasurer in January.

Land record departments 2020 activity report.

Romportl spoke about the new Ascent program for Real Property and the tax system. Tax bills were printed last Tuesday. There are some annoyances with the program, but overall a lot easier with the new system. Planimetric mapping for building footprints and impervious surface footprints was completed and there was an office reorganization in the Land Information Office due to retirements of two long time staff.

Franson discussed using the RecordEase system for 1.5 years. The biggest change has been the addition of the fraud alert, which alerts individuals who register their information on the website, to receive an email or text if documents get recorded against their name. Also, in January they are looking forward adding optical character recognition (OCR), which will help increase efficiency by auto indexing new documents as they come in. The biggest project is working on the back indexing, due to number of volumes and reduced staff, they are hoping to increase the 30 year tract index in the electronic system. Franson indicated recordings and transfer fees were up this last year.

Jennrich reported how happy the public is with having the current permits on the GIS. All building and sanitary permits and CUPS are scanned and in the system. The new 2-foot contour data is being used all the time, as well as the 2019 aerial photography, which is clear and easy to use to get an idea of what is on the ground. They enjoy working with LIO for letters of map amendments and appreciated the help received with the creation of a map for all the parcels in Forestry 1A & 1B which are less than 10 acres. This map will help the P&D Committee make policy decisions. Currently they are working on a non-metallic mining inventory to take data and generate maps and information for the additional acreage opened up, due to excavating, which will help people file financial assurances accordingly. They hope to start using the new Ascent software soon, possibly this winter, to issue permits.

Jennrich also updated that the Land Conservation department is working with LIO on a new Lake District.

Ostermann reported that they are using the new software, which is going fairly decent. There is changeover with Kris retiring, but not much will change. Tara Ostermann was elected the new treasurer and assumes the duties in January and will also be joining the Council.

Kortenhof updated that they are working with LIO to get the database set up for NEXTGEN911. The goal is to have the RFP, which is sent to the State, be consistent. All the State data comes directly from the counties.

Rhodes reported they are rolling out new products, one of which is a mobile device manager, which will assist those who are remote and lose a device. The mobile device manager will wipe and disable the lost device with the click of a button. It will also help with software and inventory updates.

Cushing mentioned speaking with other realtors and the incredible amount of business we have seen in 2020, and feels there are no signs it will not continue.

Romportl added from a public standpoint, trying to interface our "easy website" in with the Ascent software. There are a few steps and IT is helping us iron out, but have to wait for certain things to happen before fully finished.

DeMuth reiterated the uptick in business that Cushing mentioned and are seeing much of the same thing across the Midwestern States, especially an exodus to rural parts. Storage, campgrounds and new plans are actively being requested. They are having a hard time keeping up with the demand.

Status of Oneida County Land Information Plan projects for 2021. Romportl reported that the Land Information Office has three main focuses for 2021: implementing and converting the permit system from Planning & Zoning to Ascent; a huge GIS server/software upgrade, which will need professional help; and the ongoing work with the PLSS.

2019 & 2020 Wis Land Information Program Grants status and amendments.

Romportl informed the committee that he closed out the 2019 grant after receiving a \$25,000 check, which was for the ongoing PLSS work and the planimetric mapping that was completed in 2020. The 2020 grant will be closed out next spring. Overall, we are in good shape to meet the required deadlines.

Wisconsin Land Information Program 2021 Base Budget, Training & Education and Strategic Initiative Grant Application.

Romportl reviewed the grants for the 2021 Wisconsin Land Information Program. The 2021 WLIP Training and Education Grant Application is \$1,000. The Base Budget Grant is \$192.00 for PLSS work. The 2021 Strategic Initiative Grant is \$50,000.00. Of that, Romportl recommends assigning \$15,000 for GIS software and server updates and \$35,000 towards PLSS work.

Motion/Paszak/Franson to recommend submitting the grants as presented - 2021 Strategic Initiative Request for \$35,000 for continued PLSS work for Benchmark 4 of the State requirements and \$15,000 for GIS software/server upgrades; submit base budget request for a total of \$192.00 for PLSS work; submit \$1,000 for education training grant. All ayes

Public Comment/Communication. Kris Ostermann expressed her appreciation and thanks for working with all of the Council members and land records departments over the years. Council members thanked and Kris and wished her well in retirement.

Date of next meeting and items for agenda. To be determined.

Adjournment

Sonny Paszak Chair