

LAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
 December 19, 2022
 Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S Oneida Ave
 Second Floor – Committee Room 2
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Council Members	Mike Timmons	Ted Cushing
Tara Ostermann	Kyle Franson	Jacob Piasecki
Jake Simkins	Sara Chiamulera	Jeff DeMuth

Call to Order and Chair’s announcements. Vice-Chair called the meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at 10:30 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. Others present: Karl Jennrich (Planning and Zoning), Art Hilgendorf and Chris Hill (Land Information), and Paul Fiene (Forestry Land and Outdoor Recreation).

Approve agenda for today’s meeting.

Motion/DeMuth/Timmons to approve today’s agenda. All ayes.

Approve minutes of the Land Council meeting of December 7, 2021. Motion/Cushing/DeMuth to approve the minutes from December 7, 2021 meeting. All ayes.

Introduction of Land Council members s59.72(3m) Wis. Stats., and Selection of Chair.

Chiamulera reviewed current Council members and positions. Timmons (County Board Representative), Cushing (vice chair), Piasecki (Real Property Lister), Chiamulera (Land Information Director), DeMuth (Surveyor Representative), Ostermann (Treasurer), Simkins (Emergency Management), and Franson (Register of Deeds).

Motion/Chiamulera/Timmons to nominate Ted Cushing for Council Chair. All ayes.

Land Record departments’ 2022 activity report.

Ostermann reported that the tax bills are out to the towns/municipality, and tax season has been running smoothly. There have been many calls and feedback from Nokomis tax payers, regarding amounts of an increase due to a new referendum in the Tomahawk School District.

Piasecki reported that tax bill preparation and printing went well, without any major issues; Jacob and Kim (Assistant RPL) are both new to the process; former RPL Sara Jewell assisted as an LTE for the ‘season’. RP is also receiving calls regarding the Tomahawk school district tax issues.

Franson reported that Register of Deeds is down almost 3,000 documents compared to the same time last year for amount of total recorded documents. Franson has applied, and been approved, for the ARPA funds for back indexing. This project will get records indexed back another 7 to 8 years, reaching a goal of getting indexed back 30+ years. Work will start in 2023. Franson said the ultimate goal is being back-indexed 60 years.

Simkins gave an update on the NextGen 911 transition. Initial expectations that the project would be finished by the end of 2022 have been pushed back. This transition is a joint effort between the Land Information Office and Emergency Management, both uploading GIS data and upgrading soft/hardware within the PSAPs. Hilgendorf mentioned a tentative go-live date of March 28, 2023, and that the GIS data has approved and implemented successfully. Attendance on conference calls has been key to keeping up on how the data is being received by AT&T, and subsequent contractors.

DeMuth discussed the potential benefits of consistent electronic recording with the Register of Deeds of Wisconsin, in regards to Certified Survey Maps and Corner Certifications. This would be helpful in reducing some of the paperwork required to survey in the County. Another facet of the surveying industry is the lack of young/new surveyors.

Cushing gave an update about the housing situation in Oneida County. There is a housing shortage in the \$300,000 and under price point. Most properties are being bought for very high prices.

Jennrich discussed the progress made since the implementation of Ascent Permitting Software. There were some hiccups regarding maintenance cards and the \$5 assessment fee that was added two years ago. These have since been resolved. Karl explained updates that have come together with regards to permitting and GIS being linked together.

Fiene gave an update about forestry and trails. The Forestry Dept works closely with the Land Information department in regards to mapping and boundary line surveys, when needed. Future potential development of an updated trails layer could be added to the new web mapping.

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

Chiamulera gave an update of the plan that was approved last year. The 2022-2024 plan is being followed and presented at the meeting as part of its fulfillment requirement. Updated LiDAR will be coming in as the flight occurred in the spring of 2022. A new aerial photograph will be flown in 2024; continued work on PLSS updating and corner mapping. Discussion ensued about the current status of PLSS corner mapping project (benchmark 4 of plan).

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

See Review above. Purchase of GPS unit should occur in 2023. The LIO dealt with a lot of turnover in 2022.

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

Chiamulera is working on the 2023 grant applications for the Training and Education of \$1,000.00 and the Strategic Initiative of \$70,000.00. The Strategic Initiative grant funds will be put towards completion of PLSS work and the corner project as part of bench mark 4 of the Land Information Plan.

Motion/Franson/Timmons to designate the \$70,000.00 of the WI Land Information Program Strategic Initiative grant to go towards continued PLSS efforts of Benchmark 4 of the State requirements. All ayes

Public Comment/Communication.

None.

Date of next meeting and items for agenda.

The date for the next meeting is to be determined.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Ted Cushing, Chair