

LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING July 13, 2021 Oneida County Courthouse Second Floor – Committee Room 2 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501		
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Committee Members	Bill Liebert	Sonny Paszak
Mike Timmons	Greg Pence	Greg Oettinger

Call to Order. Approve agenda for today’s meeting.

Chairman Paszak called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with the Open Meeting Law noting that the meeting notice was properly posted and the location is handicap accessible. Zoom call in option was available. Motion/Timmons/Oettinger to approve today’s agenda. All ayes.

Public comments.

There were no comments from the public.

Approve minutes of Land Records meeting on June 8, 2021.

Liebert requested an amendment to the minutes to include his conversation with Tom Barnett from the Oneida County Fair Committee regarding whether the fair has looked into locations outside of the Rhinelander area. Barnett explained that the committee feels strongly about keeping the fair in the Rhinelander area.

Motion/Liebert/Oettinger to amend the June 8, 2021 minutes to include Liebert’s inquiry to Tom Barnett if the Oneida County Fair has considered locations beyond the Rhinelander area. All ayes.

Motion/Pence/Oettinger to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes with amendments as noted. All ayes.

Monthly bills, line item transfers, purchase orders, monthly budget summary, non-budgetary item requests, and vouchers.

Franson reviewed monthly bills, expenses, and line item transfers for the Register of Deeds. Franson also requested committee approval for the purchase of a stand-up desk for his office, and two monitors for Bushong and Karaba, both being budgeted items.

Motion/Pence/Liebert to approve monthly bills, expenses, line item transfers, vouchers, and the requests for a stand-up desk and monitors, as presented by the Register of Deeds Office. All ayes.

Romportl reviewed monthly bills and expenses for the Land Information Office.

Motion/Timmons/Paszak to approve monthly bills, expenses, line item transfer and vouchers, as presented by the Land Information Office. All ayes.

Staff member’s attendance at land-related meetings/seminars.

Franson and Romportl reported no attendance.

2022 Land Information & Register of Deeds public property, staffing and budget requests.

Oneida County is allocated 6 million dollars from the federal government for pandemic relief funds. These funds have certain guidelines that they can be spent on. The County is working on how they will allocate these funds and is looking for projects to consider. The committee should keep this in mind and try to think of projects they might want to submit going forward. Franson brought up getting back-indexing done to get the online tract to go back thirty or forty years, and Romportl mentioned using the money to update data. Romportl also brought up the idea of hiring someone to assist with GIS data entry which would benefit the Highway Department, Planning & Zoning, and the County as a whole.

Proposal by Ayres and Associates to update countywide elevation data using LiDAR technology and United States Geological Survey (USGS) funding option.

Ayres and Associates is facilitating a proposal for all counties in the state to obtain QL1 (8points per sq meter) or QL2 (2 points per sq meter) level of LiDAR. Oneida County is currently at QL3 level and is one of eleven counties in Wisconsin who are not yet at the Q2 level. The data is used to create more accurate elevation contour lines and to create digital elevation models. Oneida County was presented with an option to cost share the Q2 or the Q1 level. To get the County to the Q2 level the county share would be approximately \$100,000 and Q1 would be approximately \$180,000 including the cost of the derivatives which are needed to make the data useful. Liebert noted that although he recognizes the value of this project, he is against the data collection as he does not see the benefit to the constituents and he is concerned about the ways the data could be used to take away liberties from land owners. Liebert did mention that although he is opposed to this project, he feels that if the County does decide to go through with the data collection they should go for the Q1 level. Timmons suggested first requesting the pandemic relief money to fund the project, and otherwise request capital improvement funds.

Motion/Timmons/Pence to pursue the Q1 level of LiDAR along with the derivatives, first by requesting pandemic relief funds and otherwise requesting capital improvements funds. 3 Ayes 2 Nays (Liebert and Oettinger as Nays).

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 given to the County for funding, this plan must be renewed every three years. Romportl needs to fill in the plan with ideas for projects to be paid for with this funding. Romportl asks that the committee keeps this in mind and offer any suggestions they may have for future projects.

Closed session - It is anticipated that the committee may meet in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute. A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session and it is anticipated that the committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

- a) **Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85 (1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility.**

- Topic: Land Information Director

- b) **Approve closed session minutes of May 11, 2021.**

Motion/Timmons/Oettinger to enter into closed session at 10:30 AM. Roll call vote. All ayes.

Motion/Oettinger/Paszak to approve the Closed Session minutes from May 11th meeting. Roll call vote. All Ayes.

A roll call vote will be taken to return to open session and may ratify any matters(s) discussed in closed session.

Motion/Pence/Timmons to return to open session at 10:55 A.M. Roll call vote. All ayes.

Announcement of any action taken in closed session.

None

Public comments.

There were no comments from the public.

Date of next meeting and items for agenda.

The next meeting will be August 10, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

Adjournment.

Adjourn the meeting at 10:58 A.M.

Sonny Paszak

Chair Land Records Committee

Michael J. Romportl

Staff Chair