

LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING
 October 12, 2021
 Oneida County Courthouse
 Second Floor – Committee Room 2
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

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 9:31 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 meetings on September 14th & 29th, 2021.

Motion/Pence/Timmons to approve minutes of the September 14th and 29th, 2021 meetings. 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. Motion/Liebert/Paszak to approve monthly bills, expenses, and vouchers, as presented by the Register of Deeds Office. All ayes.
 Romportl reviewed monthly bills and expenses for the Land Information Office. Motion/Timmons/Pence to approve monthly bills, expenses, and vouchers, as presented by the Land Information Office. All ayes.

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

Franson will be attending the fall conference for the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association (WRDA) in the Wisconsin Dells from October 13th through the 15th.

Update on tax foreclosed parcels currently being offered for sale.

While researching PE-1250-1, Romportl found an old file referring to an affidavit regarding a clean-up. Romportl contacted the DNR and they confirmed that Oneida County was involved in a clean-up removing fuel oil tanks. The property was a contaminated site but is now a closed site. Romportl suggested considering getting a general liability clarification letter from the DNR, which would cost \$700. The letter would give clarification to what liabilities a new owner may have. The listing online has been updated to reflect the contamination history. Timmons suggested waiting until after the bid opening in November to see if there are any interested parties and to decide how to proceed from there.

Romportl also informed the committee that the Town of Three Lakes has expressed interest in the TL-374-11 property. In order to acquire property the town must go through a notification at the annual meeting which is on November 2nd, the same day as the bid openings. Romportl requests that the committee think about how they may want to handle this if bids come in for the property. The listing mentions requests from municipalities would be considered first and this has been done in the past.

Romportl reported that they have still not been able to get into the houses on parcels RH-1435-1 and WB-457-9. They are working with the Sheriff’s Department on the process to get authority to enter the home. Romportl has concerns with the house on RH-1435-1 regarding the water and electric status, but we cannot enter the house until clearance from Sheriff Dept.

Chapter 18 County Real Estate Transactions Ordinance proposed updates.

Romportl read through his proposed changes to the Chapter 18 ordinance. Proposed changes included were raising the administrative fee for excess county lands along a road from \$100 to \$250, an addition to adding the responsibilities of maintenance to the landowners using county excess lands along a road for driveways, utilities, and private roads, and a change to the pricing of easements over county owned lands. Committee will review and discuss in more detail at next meeting.

Update on tree removal on county owned lands and on parcel PL-417-3, Town of Pine Lake, NE-NE Sec 17-37-09.

The Highway Department gave their estimated cost to remove the tree which was \$1200. The quote from the tree service company was \$800. Romportl spoke with Corporation Counsel Fugle who advised that it was possible to rescind the previous motion to go through with the tree removal from the September 14th meeting and write a letter to the landowner with a permit to remove the tree; also restricting the landowner's use of Oneida County property and suggesting they purchase of the excess lands.

Motion/Pence/Timmons to rescind the previous motion by Pence/Timmons from the September 14th meeting to approve the tree removal. All ayes.

Motion/Pence/Oettinger to authorize Romportl and Fugle to draft a letter to the landowner granting permission to remove the trees endangering the power lines and property, in whatever manner the landowner chooses, and to note the restrictions in the Ordinance of the use of the Oneida County property, and suggest the landowner purchase the excess lands. All ayes.

Update on tax delinquent property at RH-783, 825 N Stevens St Rhinelander.

The Administration Committee has elected not to foreclose on this property during this foreclosure process. Romportl has been contacted by adjoining landowners and from the Economic Development Corporation asking what the status was on this property. Per the DNR, the site is closed, but if there is development work, as long as the blacktop is kept sealed no further work is needed. Romportl discussed this with Chairman Hintz and may be involved in a meeting regarding whether or not to move forward with foreclosing on the property. If Oneida County does take the property, then this Committee will be in charge of disposing of the property.

Request by adjoining landowner(s) listed below to purchase excess county lands adjacent to road(s) and act on resolutions to convey the excess lands:

- a) Gamez, Pine Lake Rd, Town of Sugar Camp, part of parcel # SU-470-1; SE-SW, Section 33, T38N-R9E.

Gamez is a standard request for excess county lands along a road.

Motion/Paszak/Oettinger to approve the resolution as presented for Gamez requesting land adjoining Pine Lake Rd and forward to County Board as a consent agenda item. All ayes.

- b) Engstrom, Hat Rapids Rd, Town of Crescent, part of parcel # CR-472-1; NW-NW, Section 35, T36N-R8E.

Engstrom is a standard request for excess lands along a road.

Motion/Paszak/Oettinger to approve the resolution as presented for Engstrom requesting land adjoining Hat Rapids Rd and forward to County Board as a consent agenda item. All ayes.

Oneida County Land Information Plan 2022-2024 for the WI 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. Romportl submitted the final 'Draft' to the State and for peer review and so far no changes were recommended. The Land Council is the approving authority and will meet to finalize the plan.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Date of next meeting and items for agenda.

The next meeting will be November 2nd, 2021.

Adjournment.

Adjourn the meeting at 10:49 A.M.

Sonny Paszak

Chair Land Records Committee

Michael J. Romportl

Staff Chair