

Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Call to order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order by Alan Barkstrom, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Alan Barkstrom, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Dennis Wartgow. Absent: Rick Morgan (UW-Extension), Don Onchuck (Land Conservation). Also present: Nick Trimner, Evan Lund, Art Lersch, Sarah Reese-Socha, Chana Rymarkiewicz.

Nick reviewed process for anyone attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

Zoning – Evan Lund

1. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call as noted above.
2. Communications and Public Comment: None
3. 2021 Land Sale – Set Minimum Bid Prices: Motion to approve minimum bids as discussed: Bob Kopisch/Mark Kyle. Motion carried.
4. Department report: Permits are up for the month of February. Review of monthly financials.
5. Zoning financial reports and vouchers: Motion Robert Kopisch/Paula Houdek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$1,893.26. Motion carried.
6. Adjourn: This portion of the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Land Conservation – Evan Lund

7. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 9:54 a.m. Roll call as noted above.
8. Communications and Public Comment: None
9. Department report: 2021 contracts signing now from Landowners. Working on campground expansions at Solberg Lake (60 additional sites) and Smith Lake, utilizing funds from grants or The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Currently at committee level, will need to move to the Board for approval.
10. Land Conservation financial reports and vouchers: Motion Paula Houdek/Mark Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$29,618.62. Motion carried.
11. Adjourn: This portion of the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Miscellaneous:

12. Motion to approve minutes from February 18, 2021 Meeting by Paula Houdek/Robert Kopisch to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
13. Set Next Meeting Dates: April 22 and May 20 at 9am.

UW-Extension – Art Lersch

14. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m. Also attending remotely Brenda Fierke, Wendy Rebne, Julie Diepenbrock
15. Communications and Public Comment: None
16. Extension Educator highlight reports: Julie provides update: State 4-H office begins lifting in-person restrictions, providing more opportunities. Working on various club activities and programs. StrongBodies currently led by volunteers. Other programs not provided while Libby is on leave, only available through State programming. Discussion from committee to Art to provide programs during leave of educators is needed and he is to take this need back to the State to provide plan for this need. Discuss opportunity to introduce programs at afterschool programs.
17. Extension Roll in the County Fair: 4-H exhibits at the fair are probable in adherence to guidelines which are currently changing.
18. Department Programming
 - a. Human Development & Relationships Programming
 - i. Health & Human Services Department Input: Sarah Reese-Socha, Chana Rymarkiewicz present. Art explained the primary focus of Libby's position includes parenting programming and StrongBodies. Art asking Sarah for educational needs of community. Sarah presented the following educational needs:
 1. Strengthening Families. This was a parenting and youth program that HHS found was very successful. Partnered with HHSD, schools and 4-H.

2. Local programming for Foster Parents and Kinship Homes such as home safety, emergency management, parenting programs.
3. Programs for children, specifically positive activities to improve behavioral health.
4. Foster care kids at the age 14 and up need independent living skills (budgeting, cooking, skills for when they age out at 18).
5. Newsletter for Price County Aging and Disability Resource Center in partnership with UW-Extension. Example of Bayfield's newsletter.
6. UW Extension to work with HHS to create a demographic booklet for Aging, last one provided was 2011.

Committee requests UW-Extension to establish working relationship with HHSD and provide committee with updates.

19. Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator Position for 2021: Motion by Bob Kopisch/Mark Kyle to put the Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator Position on hold for 2021. Motion carried.
20. Area Extension Director and University updates: Vacant Ag positions due to hiring freeze. Working through budget for next fiscal year at state level.
21. UW-Extension financial reports and vouchers: Motion Paula Houdek/Dennis Wartgow to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$329.88. Motion carried.
22. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Erica Bockerstette, Deputy County Clerk