

Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2020

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 Bill Teeters, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Alan Barkstrom, Bruce Jilka, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, William Teeters. Excused: Rick Morgan (UW-Extension). Absent: Don Onchuck (Land Conservation), Also present: Nick Trimner, Evan Lund, Art Lersch.

Items for discussion and possible action:

Miscellaneous:

1. Elect Committee Vice-chairperson: Jilka nominated Bob Kopisch. Kopisch declined. Jilka nominated Alan Barkstrom. Three calls. Motion Kopisch/Kyle to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Alan Barkstrom for Committee Vice-chairperson. Motion carried.
2. Minutes from January 23, 2020 Meeting: Motion Jilka/Kyle to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Set Next Meeting Dates: July 23 and August 20.

Zoning – Evan Lund

4. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m. Roll call as noted above. Also present Amanda McMeekin.
5. Communications: None.
6. Public Hearing declared open at 9:07 a.m.: Fast Trax Excavating has made application for approval of a reclamation plan for a gravel pit located within the NE1/4 NW/4, Section 10, Township 37N, Range 1E, Town of Worcester (W5951 Big Elk Rd.). Amanda reviewed list of notices sent. Two written communications received: Roy Dunbar – against, Kevin Stein – comments and questions. Attendees on the phone were asked if they wanted to speak. Kevin Stein had comments and questions. Public hearing closed at 9:15 a.m.
7. Decision on reclamation plan filed by Fast Trax Excavating: Motion Jilka/Barkstrom to approve the reclamation plan filed by Fast Trax Excavating. Clarification that this is to approve the reclamation plan, not permit use of the pit. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Barkstrom, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Teeters. No: (0). Motion carried.
8. Set 2020 Land Sale Prices: 10 parcels. Motion Barkstrom/Kyle to approve the minimum bid prices as discussed. Motion carried.
9. Land Division Filed by Albert Simpson on behalf of Carl Graceffa to create one lot in the SW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 36, Township 40N, Range 1E, Town of Eisenstein: Motion Jilka/Kopisch to approve the land division filed by Albert Simpson on behalf of Carl Graceffa, contingent on Department of Administration approval. Motion carried.
10. Land Division Filed by Andrew Hagaman to create one lot in the SW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 18, Township 40N, Range 2W, Town of Lake: Motion Kopisch/Jilka to approve the land division filed by Andrew Hagaman. Motion carried.
11. Land Division Filed by Patrick Beil on behalf Dale Eckes to create one lot in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 20, Township 39N, Range 1E, Town of Fifield: Motion Barkstrom/Kopisch to approve the land division filed by Patrick Beil on behalf of Dale Eckes. Motion carried.
12. Short-term Rentals: When should property turn from residential to commercial? Should there be an annual permit fee? More information needed for the next meeting.
13. Department report: Permits are up.
14. Zoning financial reports and vouchers: Motion Kopisch/Jilka to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$4,793.57. Motion carried.
15. Adjourn: This portion of the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Land Conservation – Evan Lund

16. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 10:44 a.m. Roll call as noted above.
17. Communications: None.
18. 2019 Crop Damage Claims: Due to timing issues, the County Administrator signed the claims. Total for four claims was \$11,547.74 after \$500 deductibles. Funds get reimbursed by the DNR with funds from sale of hunting licenses.

19. Department report: Grants for two new snowmobile bridges to put out for bids. Closing out 2019-2020 snowmobile season reimbursements. Question on damage done to roads where trails cross.
20. Land Conservation financial reports and vouchers: Motion Jilka/Kopisch to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$56,928.80. Motion carried.
21. This portion of the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

UW-Extension – Art Lersch

22. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 1:00 a.m. Roll call as noted above. Also present via videoconference: Libby Huber, Wendy Rebne, Brenda Fierke.
23. Communications: None.
24. Division of Extension staff introductions: Art Lersch, Area Three Extension Director; Libby Huber, Human Development and Relationships Educator; Brenda Fierke, FoodWise Coordinator; Wendy Rebne, FoodWise Educator.
25. Price Extension and Division of Extension overview: Division of Extension, UW Madison. Community based education. Reviewed organizational chart and programs.
26. Extension Educator highlight reports: Limited programming during COVID protocol. Libby: Parent Cafés, Strong Bodies, Girls on the Run, grant for Positive Parenting Program, Parents Forever, Fatherhood Program. Brenda: Price, Taylor and Clark Counties; provide nutrition programming in schools, senior food sites and food pantries; technology training. Wendy: professional development and interaction with other educators.
27. Price/Taylor 4-H Program Coordinator (update on position): Julie Diepenbrock hired. Taylor County has cancelled their 2020 County Fair. Price County is proceeding with their fair. 4-H youth cannot exhibit as 4-H youth, but can show in open class. Two of the buildings at the Fairgrounds have been cordoned off because of structural damage. Will be transitioning to reactivate clubs.
28. Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator position: Limited activity. UW hiring freeze will not allow posting the position without special permission. Motion Kopisch/Jilka to cancel the Master Gardener program for 2020, but re-evaluate for 2021. Motion carried.
29. Area Extension Director and university updates: Will gradually phase into in-person programming. All staff have been telecommuting since March and that will continue through July. UWEX staff required to take 3-6 furlough days. The County will be reimbursed for the State contract.
30. UW Extension financial reports and vouchers: Motion Kopisch/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$22,654.84. Motion carried.
31. Future Agenda Items: None.
32. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk