

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 30, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call. Present – 18. Excused – 1. Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Tatur. Excused: Roth.

Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Freeman, District #18 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gierke, second by Knops to approve minutes of March 26, 2013 and April 1, 2013. Fisher requests correction to effective date on April 1st minutes. Should read “effective date from March 29, 2013.” Motion as amended carried by aye vote.

Motion by Nawrocki, second by Lieffring to amend agenda moving item #7 to top of agenda. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

Whereas, the members of the law enforcement agency of Rusk County play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Rusk County; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

Whereas, during National Police week, and throughout the year, Rusk County recognizes and appreciates the critical contributions and sacrifices made by members of law enforcement at all levels, and honors their courage and dedication; and

Whereas, it is known that 127 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2012 and many others were seriously assaulted in the performance of their duties. Our community joins with other counties, cities, and towns to honor their memory and sacrifice, and pay homage to their legacy of excellence and devotion to duty.

Now, therefore, I, Randy Tatur, Chairperson of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 12 -18, 2013 as National Police week, and Tuesday, May 14, 2013, as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community, or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes. May we always remember what they do on a daily basis to defend and protect our rights and safety.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Rusk this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Rusk County and WRA Working Agreement: Tatur explained basis for item on the agenda and lack of agreement established in the past. WRA Board members provided history of organization, funding sources, projects completed around county and working relationship with the Land Water Conservation, Forestry and Highway departments. Their proposal requests oversight remain the same as it’s always been. The County Conservationist being in charge of the Environmental Challenge interns.

Motion by Nawrocki, second by Hauser to put things back the way it was - working with Highway Department and Mike Zimmer in charge of the Environmental Challenge. Fisher explained background that led to department’s consolidation and the relationship with WRA to remain unchanged.

Motion by Nawrocki, second by Hauser to amend the motion to work on a working agreement for next year and give the County Conservationist and Land Conservation Committee authority over the counties part of Environmental Challenge for this year until an acceptable agreement is signed by both groups. Motion to amend carried by aye vote. Roll call. Voting yes – 17 Voting no – 1. Voting yes: Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Tatur. Voting no: Boss. Motion as amended carried by roll call vote.

Break at 8:23 p.m. Reconvene at 8:32 p.m.

RESOLUTION #13-16 COUNTY FOREST LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, in the 2013 County Forest Land Acquisition Budget 1% of the 2012 total proceeds from Timber Sale Revenue was deposited in this non-lapsing, continuing appropriation account.

WHEREAS, the Land and Forestry Committee would like to make this a permanent policy.

WHEREAS, this Fund could only be used for Land Acquisition activity in the County Forest Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County board of Rusk County does hereby adopt a permanent policy of putting 1% of the annual gross timber sale revenue into a non-lapsing, continuing appropriation each year. This fund being the County Forest Land Acquisition account will be used for activities to purchase County Forest Land.

Submitted by Forestry Committee: S/Nawrocki, Boss, Hauser, Biller.

Motion by Hauser, second by Nawrocki to adopt. Discussion on budget concerns, value now and future benefit, state funding, cost sharing and land purchase. Roll call. Roll call. Voting yes – 15 Voting no – 3. Voting yes: Freeman, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Tatur. Voting no: Platteter, Swoverland, Pedersen. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #05-60B AMENDING THE RUSK COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

WHEREAS, Rusk County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11 of the Wisconsin statutes, and;

WHEREAS, the Rusk County Board of Supervisors on December 22, 2005, adopted resolution #05-60 approving the Rusk County Comprehensive Land Use Plan for a period of 15 years, and;

WHEREAS, said Plan is a dynamic document to be revised as changing conditions require, and;

WHEREAS, subsection (5) (a) of the above referenced State statute requires said Plan Amendments be approved by the County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Natural Resources, and;

WHEREAS, Plan amendments for the fifteen year period encompassing 2006-2020 have been prepared by the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee and are submitted for approval before the Rusk County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Rusk does ordain as follows: The Rusk County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan be amended as attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee is directed to forward these amendments to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

Submitted by Forestry Committee: S/Nawrocki, Boss, Hauser, Biller.

Motion by Hauser, second by Boss to adopt. Roll call. Roll call. Voting yes – 16 Voting no – 2. Voting yes: Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Tatur. Voting no: Swoverland, Pedersen. Resolution adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #13-17 ESTABLISH THE RUSK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BOARD, OVERSEEN BY THE UW-EXTENSION EDUCATION AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, at the November 15, 2012, Rusk County Board of Supervisors' meeting a resolution was passed designating the Rusk County Junior Fair, overseen by the UW-Extension Education and Recycling Committee with support from the UW-Extension Office, as the official Rusk County Fair and;

WHEREAS, the UW-Extension Education and Recycling Committee with the UW-Extension Office oversaw the 2011 Rusk County Junior Fair and the 2012 Rusk County Junior Fair and;

WHEREAS, a successful 2012 Rusk County Junior Fair was held with major portions of the Fair developed by the Interim Rusk County Junior Fair Board and;

WHEREAS, the UW-Extension Education and Recycling Committee and the UW-Extension Office have been working with the Interim Rusk County Junior Fair Board to make a permanent subcommittee to be known as the Rusk County Junior Fair Board and;

WHEREAS, the UW-Extension Education and Recycling Committee and the Interim Rusk County Junior Fair Board have cooperatively developed and approved a set of bylaws governing the duties and responsibilities of the Rusk County Junior Fair Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Rusk County Junior Fair Board, to be overseen by the Rusk County UW-Extension Education and Recycling Committee.

Submitted by UW Extension Education & Recycling Committee: S/Swoverland, Freeman, Hulback, Pedersen.

Motion by Swoverland, second by Freeman to adopt. Discussion on insurance coverage, statutory benefits, appointment authorization and by-laws. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

Closed session announced by Chair for the purpose of Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Elected Official and Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Same. For considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. WI Stats 19.85(1)(f)

For conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. WI Stats 19.85(1)(g).

Motion by Hulback, second by Knops to enter closed session. Roll call. Voting yes - 18. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Tatur. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Closed session at 9:03 p.m.

Motion by Willingham, second by Lieffring to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

Open Session at 9:36 p.m.

Closed session announced by Chair for the purpose of Discussing Acquisition or Trade of County Forest Land. For negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, WI Stats 19.85(1)(e).

Motion by Schneider, second by Hauser to enter closed session. Roll call. Voting yes - 18. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Lieffring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Freeman, Platteter, Tatur. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Closed session at 9:38 p.m.

Motion by Knops, second by Lieffring to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

Open Session at 9:54 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Proposed County Board Meeting Dates: Motion by Platteter, second by Knops to approve with changing March 30th to March 25th. Motion carried by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #13-18 CREATION OF THE POSITION OF THE GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN POSITION

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committees reviewed the operations and duties of the Maintenance Dept; and

WHEREAS, the committee agreed that with all the electrical and H.V.A.C. work done at county properties, and upcoming law changes in electrical requirements, determined the need to create a new technician position with more experience and knowledge in these subject areas; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee concluded in order to get a more advanced person to accomplish these important functions for the Maintenance Dept the wage rate needed to be increased; and

WHEREAS, Personnel Committee recommends the creation of a Grounds/Maintenance Technician position to enhance the overall depth of knowledge in that dept for electrical and H.V.A. C. at a wage rate of \$17.50 per hour.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and for the creation of the Grounds/Maintenance Technician position within the Maintenance Department with a starting wage rate of \$17.50 effective upon the date of hire.

Submitted by Personnel Committee. S/Fisher.

Motion by Fisher, second by Schmitt to adopt. Motion by Freeman, second by Hulback to amend by removing "property and" in the first whereas and replace "both committees" with "the committee" in the second whereas. Amendment carried by aye vote. Resolution as amended adopted by aye vote.

Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel advised we do not need a closed session. He distributed and reviewed the first amendment to the lease for the Rusk County Nursing Home. Motion by Swoverland, second by Fisher to approve lease as presented. Motion carried by aye vote.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Day of Prayer is May 2, 2013. Breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at OLS, prayer ceremony at noon on south lawn of courthouse and movie "Lincoln" at Miner Theatre at 6:15 p.m.

Denise Wetzel updated the board on the WCA conference arrangements.

Andy Albarado advised next week is tourism week.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Willingham, second by Knops to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Next meeting May 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Denise Wetzel, Rusk County Clerk
Bonnie Stoneberg, Chief Deputy Clerk