

JOINT LAND RECORDS & LAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

June 14, 2011

Oneida County Courthouse
Second Floor – Committee Room #2
Rhineland, Wisconsin 54501

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Committee Members	Gary Baier, Chairman	Sonny Paszak
David O'Melia	Denny Thompson	Peter Wolk

Call to Order.

Baier called meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at 9:03a.m., noting that the meeting notice had been properly posted and that the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. All committee members were present. Staff members present were Romportl, Desmond & Leighton; Kris Ostermann, Lynn Freimuth, Ted Cushing and Jim Rein, Land Council members.

Approve Agenda/Minutes.

Motion/Paszak/Wolk approving today's Land Records Committee agenda. All ayes.

Baier indicated this is a joint meeting with Land Council and the agenda items of the Land Council will take place first followed by the remaining items of the Land Records Committee.

Motion/Paszak/Thompson/ approving the minutes of May 10, 2011 meeting. All ayes.

The Land Council took up the following agenda items and separate minutes were taken for the following:
Introduction of Land Council members, selection of Chair and Vice Chair.
Review of Land Council duties and Land Records Activities and Plan and future recommendation.
Adjournment of the Land Council Meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The Land Records Committee continued with their agenda.

Discuss/Act/Report on Staff member's attendance at land-related meetings/seminars.

Romportl had nothing to report.

Wisconsin Land Information Program grant application.

Romportl informed the committee of a \$300 Education & Training grant and approximately \$1600 grant for other land records activities that is available through WI Department of Administration - Wisconsin Land Information Program.

Motion/Wolk/Paszak authorizing Romportl to apply for the Wisconsin Land Information Program grant. All ayes.

Request and resolution to purchase County owned excess right-of-way strip in NW-NW Section 8, Township 38 North, Range 6 East, Town of Hazelhurst.

Romportl informed the committee that he received a request from Mary K. Tyler to purchase an excess right of way strip adjacent to her property.

Motion/O'Melia/Wolk approving the sale of the excess right of way strip in the NW NW Section 8, Township 38 North, Range 6 East to Mary K. Tyler in the amount of \$4,100.00. All ayes.

Request and resolution to purchase County owned excess right-of-way strip in the SW-SW Section 32, Township 37 North, Range 8 East, Town of Newbold.

Romportl informed the committee he received a request from Rick L. Howe and Judith A. Howe to purchase an excess right of way strip adjacent to their property.

Motion/O'Melia/Wolk approving the sale of the excess right of way strip in the SW-SW Section 32, Township 37 North, Range 8 East to Rick L. Howe and Judith A. Howe in the amount of \$190.71. All ayes.

Affidavit and/or resolution releasing any County interest in parcel number MI 1747-22.

Romportl said he received a request that the County give an easement through a parcel located in Government Lot 9, Section 13, Township 39 North, Range 5 East in which the County acquired by tax deed. Romportl researched the parcel and found the County took the deed in error. Desmond recommended we quit claim any interest in this parcel to the current landowners, Andrew W. Stromdahl and Harriet Lynn Stromdahl, husband and wife.

Motion/Wolk/Thompson approving the resolution to quit claim any interest the County may have in MI 1747-22 (a parcel located in Government Lot 9, Section 13, Township 39 North, Range 5 East) to Andrew W. Stromdahl and Harriet Lynn Stromdahl, husband and wife. All ayes.

It is anticipated that the committee may go into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes for conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Branham Road, Three Lakes, Sec 29, T38N, R11E.)

Motion/Paszak/O'Melia to enter into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes for conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Branham Road, Three Lakes, Sec 29, T38N, R11E.). On roll call vote: O'Melia, aye; Thompson, aye; Baier, aye; Paszak, aye & Wolk, aye. Motion passes with 5 ayes and 0 nays. The committee entered into closed session.

Motion/Wolk/O'Melia to return to open session. On roll call vote: Baier, aye; Wolk, aye; Thompson, aye; Paszak, aye & O'Melia, aye. Motion passes with 5 ayes and 0 nays. The committee returned to open session.

Baier informed the committee that we are waiting for a letter from the Town of Three Lakes. No action taken

Land Information Director Goal Setting.

Romportl presented his goals for the upcoming year to the committee.

Motion/O'Melia/Baier to approve the Land Information Director's goals as presented. All ayes.

Review/Act on monthly bills, line item transfers, purchase orders, budget surveys/report and non-budgetary item requests: a. Register of Deeds b. Land Information

Motion/Wolk/Paszak to approve the Register of Deeds bills as presented. All ayes.

Motion/O'Melia/Wolk to approve the Land Information Office bills as presented. All ayes.

Public Comment/Communications.

O'Melia recommended that the status of the Commission on Aging and the former WPS buildings be put on agenda for next month.

Discuss/Act on date of next meeting and items for agenda.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5th at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn: Motion/O'Melia/Paszak to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. All ayes.

Gary Baier
Chairperson

Michael J. Romportl
Staff Chairperson

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Kris Ostermann	Ted Cushing	Lynn Freimuth
Ken Korten Hof	Mike Romportl	Jimmy Rein

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Introduction of Land Council members, selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

Romportl informed the committee that the Land Council was appointed by County Board Chair, Ted Cushing and consists of the register of deeds (Leighton), the treasurer (Ostermann), the real property lister (Freimuth), a member of the County Board (Baier), representative of the land information office (Romportl), a realtor (Cushing), an emergency communications representative (Korten Hof) and a registered professional land surveyor (Rein). Korten Hof could not attend the meeting.

Motion/Cushing/Ostermann to elect Tom Leighton as Land Council Chair.

Motion and 2nd were withdrawn.

Motion/Cushing/Leighton to nominate Gary Baier as Land Council Chair. All ayes.

Motion/Baier/Leighton to nominate Ted Cushing as the Land Council Vice-Chair. All ayes

Review of Land Council duties and Land Records Activities and Plan and future recommendation.

Romportl reviewed the duties of the Land Council and it is anticipated they will meet once a year in June.

Ostermann has been working with ITS to upgrade the website tax program so that it can calculate next months taxes. She feels that maintenance and enhancement of our programs is very important.

Cushing felt the Land Records website was a very important service that the county provides and stressed the importance for the continued maintenance and support of the system.

Leighton reviewed the status of the Register of Deeds office activities and efforts to continue imaging the old deeds and making them available on the Internet. He also explained his tentative plans for redaction of social security numbers from electronic documents.

Freimuth stated that the online mapping and property listing has reduced a lot of calls to the Land Information Office. Accessing deeds internally has been a great help and access of the deeds from the Internet will be a great benefit for the users.

Rein felt it is very important to have new aerial photography every five years and the PLSS system tied in with the county parcel mapping and continuation of obtaining GPS coordinates on the section, ¼ and other land corners. He also added that acquisition of county wide elevation data would be a huge benefit to the County and users. Romportl indicated the cost to obtain elevation using the technology known as LIDAR has come down and could cost approximately \$250,000 - \$350,000 for the County. The Council discussed the benefits of elevation data and felt this is something we should prioritize and look for possible partners to share the cost. The Council recommended the county get elevation data in the next year or two.

Romportl explained the current land records fee structure and indicated that since the WI Land Information Program began it has been Oneida County Land Records and Finance Committee recommendation to save land records fees for large land records projects so the levy does not have spikes in spending. Romportl provided the current balance in the Land Records accounts are as follows:

Pre June 25, 2010 - Non-lapsing Land Records fees \$261,939; Non-lapsing levy dollars Land Info Projects \$154,503.

Accounts were separated in June 2010 when the new land records fees and redaction fee were implemented by the legislature.

June 25, 2010-Dec 31, 2010 Internet Access \$14,128; Land Records 2010 \$42,384; SSN Redaction \$34,633.

The Council was very pleased with the cooperation of county departments and progress the County was making in modernizing the County's Land Records.

Motion/Cushing/Freimuth to adjourn the Land Council Meeting at 9:45 a.m. All ayes.

Gary Baier
Land Council Chair