

LAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
 December 11, 2014
 Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S Oneida Ave
 Second Floor – Committee Room #2
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Council Members	Jim Intrepidi	Ted Cushing
Kris Ostermann	Kyle Franson	Lynn Freimuth
Ken Kortenhof	Michael Romportl	James Rein, Jr

Call to Order.

Rein called meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at 10:30 a.m. and noted that the meeting notice had been properly posted and that the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. All committee members were present.

Approve agenda for today’s meeting.

Motion/Cushing/Franson to approve today’s agenda. All ayes.

Approve minutes of December 12, 2013 meeting.

Motion/Cushing/Freimuth to approve the minutes from last meeting December 12, 2013. All ayes.

Update on legislation relating to the WI Land Information Program.

No legislative changes occurred in 2014; the new legislation occurred in 2013. The biggest change was a change in the apportionment of the recording fee and changing the base budget to \$100,000.00 as opposed to the prior base of \$50,000. For fiscal year 2013-2014, Oneida County only collected approximately \$83,000 in recording fees that were credited to the Wisc Land Information Program (WLIP). The County is now considered a base budget county and is eligible for a \$13,000 grant which has been applied for. Kyle explained the County did not meet the fee base mainly because recording for financing is down; sales are still fairly steady though. The grant money will be directed toward the GIS server upgrade. The county has to meet a June 30, 2017 statutory deadline in order to continue to participate in the program and retain fees by updating the Land Information Plan, providing our tax data and parcel mapping to the state, both of which we are already doing.

Review of Land Council members and duties per WI Stat 59.72(3m) and selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

Members are Kyle, Register of Deeds; Kris, Treasurer; Lynn, Real Property Lister; Jim I, Chair of Land Records Committee; Mike, representative from Land Information office; Ted, a realtor or a member of Realtors Association employed within the county; Ken, a public safety or emergency communications representative employed within the county; Jim R, a registered professional land surveyor employed within the county.

Motion/Cushing/Intrepidi to recommend Rein continues on as Chair. All ayes.

Motion/Kortenhof/Cushing to recommend Cushing continues on as Vice Chair. All ayes.

Review of Land Records Activities over the last year by various county departments.

Franson stated that Register of Deeds office has finished a lot of the back scanning of documents and this year they have been working quite diligently with ITS to do data cleanup. There were a number of duplicate images, between volume and page as well as document number so they have been working through a list, cleaning all of those up so there are no duplications or wrong data out there. It is very labor intensive and is an ongoing project. We have also been removing death certificates from documents because they cannot be accessible to the public on the Internet since they could contain social security numbers. The third big project is redaction in itself; years ago many of the termination documents included social security numbers and those numbers need to be removed (redacted). We are back indexing and also still working on the availability to use credit cards in order to obtain documents online, if the requestor does not already have one of the currently existing 70 escrow accounts hopefully this goal will be in 2015. Electronic recording are still planned for the future.

Freimuth stated that the real property listing program is still AS400 but it will need to be replaced at some point in the future with a Windows-based program because most real property listing systems are now Windows-based. She indicated that we are fortunate in Oneida County to have internal support from ITS in order to keep the current system working and they are very responsive to changes required by the state. Tax bills this year went fairly smooth.

Ostermann stated that the Treasurer's office is waiting for the ability to have some additional data made available on the website concerning the complete and accurate tax bill amounts, which do include other fees on top of the amount that currently does show on the website. We are receiving payments from financial institutions that are incorrect because they didn't call to verify if there were other fees that needed to be added to the tax bill shown on the website.

Kortenhof stated that Emergency Management greatly benefits from the land programs and uses the information 24/7; it does go from squad cars to dispatch center. We recently finished an update to the snowmobile trails. He continues to work closely with the Land Information and ITS staff and stressed the benefit of their continued support in conjunction with making the land records available to the most people.

Romportl reported that we've been in the world of LiDAR this whole year. We have received our countywide contour dataset so we should be closing it up this month and companies are already requesting to use the data for projects. Romportl applied for a \$35,000 grant from the United States Geological Service (USGS) to have this information put in the public domain and that the county would recover some of our cost. The focus now is on the GIS server upgrade. We are working with a company from Alabama who has a lot of resources and expertise available to us and hopefully we will be able to have the upgrade completed in March of 2015. We hope to have a new aerial photography in 2015 which will be 6" resolution leaf off vs. our current photography which is in 12" resolution.

Cushing and Rein commented on the continued ease of use and amount of information that is readily available on the Internet and that it is very useful to public and private entities. They will be sorry to see the current program PVWeb mapping retired but if it is necessary so be it. They complimented all the departments on working together and making our systems the best in the area.

Review the priorities, needs, policies and expenditures of Oneida County's Land Information Plan & Office and make future recommendations.

Tax system on the web is going to have to be worked on and completed. Romportl pointed out that the land records committee and county board has always recommended that the Land Records program save the fee money to be spent on large projects, such as the aerial photography that will be coming in 2015 and the GIS server upgrade in order to reduce the impact on the tax levy. Romportl indicated that the hardware/software maintenance fees are paid for each year out of the fees. Freimuth stated previously that ITS has worked on several enhancements to her programs over the years in order to create efficiencies and those are often not recognized or realized by other people. She indicated ITS has been key in terms of insuring that we have integration and compatibility between departments and how data is shared among the departments.

Public Comments/Communications.

There were none presented.

Date of next meeting and items for agenda.

Department of Administration requires a yearly meeting of the Land Council committee and since December is near the end of each year it was suggested that the committee consider approximately the same month for next year. Date to be announced at a later time. Items will be pretty much the same next year.

Adjournment

Motion/Kortenhof/Franson to adjourn the Land Council Meeting at 11:07 a.m. All ayes.