

**DODGE COUNTY LAND RESOURCES AND PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 10, 2023**

The Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee met on April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Floor of the Administration Building, Juneau, Wisconsin.

Call to Order: Chair Mary Bobholz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Mary Bobholz, Dale Macheel and Dan Siegmann.

Members excused Donna Maly, Benjamin Priesgen.

Staff present: Bill Ehlenbeck - Director, Joseph Giebel – Manager of Code Administration,

Others present: County Board Chairman - David Frohling, County Administrator – Cameron Clapper and members of the public for the public hearings.

The Chairman asked the staff to confirm compliance with the open meeting laws and the public hearing notice requirements. Mr. Giebel noted that the meeting was properly noticed in accord with the open meeting law and noted that the required notices for the public hearings listed on the agenda were posted, mailed and published in accord with the statute and code requirements.

The hearing procedures were read into the record.

PUBLIC HEARING

Cheryl Bergmann – Petition to rezone approximately 5.27-acres of land from the A-1 Prime Agricultural Zoning District to the A-2 General Agricultural zoning district to allow for the creation of a non-farm residential lot at this location. The site is located in part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 13, Town of Hustisford, the site address being W3066 State Road 60.

Motion by Mary Bobholz to submit a favorable recommendation on the request to rezone approximately 5.27-acres of land from the A-1 Prime Agricultural Zoning District to the A-2 General Agricultural zoning district to allow for the creation of a non-farm residential lot at this location.

Second by Dale Macheel Vote 3-0 Motion carried.

6. PARK SYSTEM

A. Park Plan Update

Bill Ehlenbeck provided the committee with an update on the County Park Plan. The second draft of the plan was received and will be placed on the website shortly. The staff will complete its review and will present the proposed recommendations for review by the Committee in May. It is anticipated the final plan will go to County Board in June.

A waiver was recently received from the DNR that allows us to remain eligible for grants before final adoption of the plan.

B. Park Project update

Bill Ehlenbeck provided the Committee with an update on status of park projects scheduled for 2023.

- The Derge Park electrical bid approved by County Board and the contract has been signed for the work. The work is slated for October;
- Vault Toilet replacements are planned for July, pending Committee and County Board approval of the bid;
- The Gold Star Trail grant agreement has been fully signed and we are ready to begin seeking a design/engineer consultant and discussions with landowners.
- The Rock River Bridge and culvert replacements on Wild Goose Trail have been delayed, pending an onsite meeting and inspection with DNR rep. Previous scheduled meetings were cancelled.
- Park Acquisitions – No updates;
- Gold Star #3 preliminary layout work – No updates;
- Red Wolf Trail – ½ mile new trail was put in last year and will be dedicated to Red Wolf as requested by the Friends group to honor a Native American that lived in the Burnett area in the early 1900s and was an early caretaker and overseeing of the mounds. Some areas of the trail will require boardwalks due to wetness. The Friends Group is doing fundraising.

C. Resolution to approve bid for Vault Toilet replacement site work

Bill Ehlenbeck provided the Committee with a resolution to authorize the awarded bid for the site preparation work for the Astico, Derge, and Ledge Parks Vault toilets. Two bids were received. The low bid of \$51,878.84, was submitted by Town and County Underground Utility Construction, Inc. from Mayville. The bid documents are on file. A combination of ARPA funds and budgeted Sales tax will be used to fund the site prep work for the vault toilet projects. The resolution allows the Dodge County Administrator and the Dodge County Clerk to execute the contracts necessary for the completion of the site prep work subject to review and approval of the Corporation Council.

Motion by Mary Bobholz to approve the resolution as submitted.

Second by Dan Siegmann Vote 3-0 Motion carried.

7. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Consideration and discussion of a resolution to request the state legislature to revise the solar energy system law that would allow the Counties more authority to regulate solar energy systems.

A copy of a resolution by Columbia County was provided to the Committee for consideration. The resolution is an advisory request to the State Legislature with a request for changes to the statutes and administrative code covering solar farms. The current state laws severely restrict the Counties from governing solar farms of 100 Mega Watts or larger and also restricts the Counties from setting standards for solar farm less than 100 Mega Watts.

Dan Siegmann believes that Dodge County should support a resolution to the State legislature to change the rules to allow more regulation of these facilities by the County. He provided the Committee with a sample resolution that he drafted with his thoughts on the issue. The Committee requested the staff put together a draft Resolution for review and deliberation by the Committee at their next meeting.

B. Review and Discussion on setback standards within the Land Use code.

Dan Siegmann expressed concerns with the County's setback requirements for tower sites. He believes that that the County should consider greater setbacks from residential homes if possible. The staff provided the Committee with the current county and state setback regulations. The staff indicated that the County Code is based on the current state standards and we have limited ability to modify the standards.

Dan will review the handouts and decide if this issue needs to be brought back to the Committee for further discussion.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the March 27, 2023 meeting;

The minutes from the March 27, 2023 meeting were reviewed by the Committee.

Motion by Dan Siegmann to approve the minutes as written.

Second by Dale Macheel

Vote: 3-0

Motion carried.

No Committee Member Reports

No additional per diems

Motion by order of the Chair to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



, Secretary

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