

**DODGE COUNTY LAND RESOURCES AND PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 11, 2023**

The Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Committee met on December 11, 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, Benjamin Priesgen and Dan Siegmann.

Members absent: Donna Maly.

Other County Board members in attendance requesting a per diem: **None**

Staff present: Joseph Giebel – Manager of Code Administration, Jason Roy, Parks Supervisor.

Others present: 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. Joe 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 minutes from the November 27, 2023 meeting were reviewed by the Committee.

Motion by Ben Priesgen to approve the minutes as written.

Second by Dale Macheel

Vote:4-0 Motion carried.

The hearing procedures were read into the record.

PUBLIC HEARING

New Frontier Land Surveying, agent for Greg and Jean Barnett Trust Request to rezone approximately 4-acres of land from the A-1 Prime Agricultural Zoning District to the A-2 General Agricultural Zoning District under the Land Use Code, Dodge County, Wisconsin to allow for the creation of an approximate 4-acre nonfarm single family residential lot. The property is located in part of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 31, Town of Hustisford, the site address being N2791 County Road E.

Motion by Mary Bobholz to submit a favorable recommendation to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors on the petition to rezone approximately 4-acres of land from the A-1 Prime Agricultural Zoning District to the A-2 General Agricultural Zoning District under the Land Use Code, Dodge County, Wisconsin to allow for the creation of an approximate 4-acre nonfarm single family residential lot.

Second by Ben Priesgen Vote 4-0 Motion carried.

PARK SYSTEM

A. 2024 Parks equipment requisitions

Jason Roy presented Resolution #2023-12-11-100P to the Committee for review.

Resolved that the State Contract bid from John Deere Company through Mid-State Equipment, for a 2024 John Deere 4052R compact utility tractor for Harnischfeger Park at a cost of \$49,139.01 is hereby approved. The John Deere 4052R compact utility tractor was reviewed against the closest comparable, Kubota M5660SUHD and Kubota MX6000HST. With comparable prices the John Deere 4052R compact utility tractor is determined to be the most advantageous for Dodge County based on; cost, available accessories, maintenance, efficiency and to maintain uniformity with current equipment. Requested options and accessories are listed in the attached quote. A net total of \$49,300.00 has been budgeted for this purpose.

The Land Resources and Parks Director is hereby authorized to purchase a 2024 John Deere 4052R compact utility tractor according to the December 11, 2023 quote in the amount of \$49,139.01. Costs are to be charged to account 100-50-82-8240-00000-12-586000, Capital Machinery & Equipment.

Motion by Mary Bobholz to approve Resolution #2023-12-11-100P as proposed.

Second by Dan Siegmann Vote 4-0 Motion carried.

Proposed Flail Mower Purchases

The Department budgeted in 2024 for the purchase of two flail mowers; one for the Wild Goose State Trail and one for Ledge Park. The Department budgeted \$28,000 in 2024 for the purchase of these 2 replacement mowers.

The bid for the flail mower for Ledge Park came in at \$11,640.00 and the bid for the flail mower for the Wild Goose State Trail came in at \$22,535.00 for a total of \$34,175.00. The Wild Goose Trail flail mower replacement is the most critical at this time. The Ledge Park mower replacement can hold until later in the season if sufficient funding can be identified.

Motion by Dan Siegmann to authorize only the purchase of the Diamond Flail Mower at \$22,535 at this time and to hold off on purchase of the mower for Ledge Park pending sufficient funding for it.

Second by Ben Priesgen Vote 4-0 Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Committee discussion on possible amendments to the "Enforcement and Penalties" sections of the Dodge County Floodplain Ordinance and other County Codes.

County Board Supervisor Dan Siegmann has submitted a request to amend the penalty provisions of the Dodge County Floodplain Ordinance.

The current Floodplain Ordinance Provisions are as follows:

Section 9.2.2.D. Penalties

Any person, firm, or corporation who fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 dollars and costs of prosecution for each violation. In default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, violators shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until payment thereof, for a period not to exceed 6 months.

The proposed amendment for discussion is as follows:

“Except as provided in WI Stats 87.30 (2)(b), any person who places or maintains any structure, building, fill, or development within any floodplain in violation of this Ordinance and who refuses to communicate with the County Department for remedy, may not be fined more than \$50.00 for each offense. Each day during which such violation exists is a separate offense.”

Applicable Statute provisions:

Section 87.30 (1) Wis. Stats. requires counties to adopt and enforce a reasonable and effective floodplain ordinance. The State DNR also provides a model floodplain ordinance that meets the minimum federal and state floodplain standards.

Section 87.30(1)(b), Stats., permits a county to adopt a floodplain zoning ordinance that is more restrictive than the provisions required by the State, but not less restrictive.

The staff provided the Committee with a copy of the Dodge County enforcement provisions of the County Codes and with information on the ordinance enforcement powers used by 14 of the surrounding Counties for comparison with current Dodge County provisions.


The Committee directed the staff to create an amendment to replace the existing “Enforcement and Penalties” section in the Floodplain Ordinance using the minimum current language from the state statute. The Committee also requested the staff to submit the proposed amendment to the County Corporation Counsel for their review and recommendation and then to bring the proposed amendment back to the Committee for further review.

2. No Committee Member Reports
3. No additional Per Diems

Motion by order of the Chair to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Secretary

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