



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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PARKS AND RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 13th, 2025, 11:30am

Virtual/WebEx or in Person. County Board Room, Montello WI.

Chairman Borzick called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Members: Ken Borzick, Mike Raddatz(virtual), Kathleen McGwin, Karen Christensen, Karen Wampler, Jeff Frazer(virtual). Others: Patrick Kilbey, Ron Barger.

Raddatz, 2nd by Wampler, motion to approve Agenda. **Motion Carried.**

Wampler, 2nd by Raddatz motion to approve August 2025 Meeting Minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Citizen Reports: Christensen brought up Fenner Lake and public access not being maintained. Discussion was had on lake being split by County and Township lines.

Kilbey gave Monthly Report. Dam and Krakow Area are scheduled for DNR safety and grounds tour later this month. Kilbey explained recent repairs and adjustments to issues.

2026 CCA grant will be combined with DNR monies to replace the small landing at Lower Locks. Brushing being performed by Daryl and Staff after windstorm in August.

Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) report was given by Frazer. New Karner preserve segment in Marquette County is scheduled for trail workdays later this month with hopes of opening this year. Discussion was had on workdays and trail development process.

Kilbey discussed savannah restoration plans at Muir and piggybacking funds with Ice Age Alliance funding (and expertise) to fight invasives and restore damaged areas to savannah. Discussion followed.

Kilbey reported 2024-25 snowmobile grant reimbursement was received from DNR. Since clubs underspent maintenance monies, Marquette County was able to get reimbursed for Easement/GIS work County Staff performed. The same process happened in 2021 and between the two, the parks budget has a surplus of \$3,146. Kilbey expressed interest in transferring funds from snowmobile revenue to help fund improvements at Muir Park. Discussion was had with Committee agreeing with Barger to transfer funds for upkeep and improvements at Muir.

2026 Budget was briefly discussed with Kilbey explaining it had passed Exec./Finance as passed by this Committee.

McGwin gave Muir Historical Route App. update. Recent warm temperatures resulted in uptick in app usage. Kilbey also stated the warmup saw park/trail use up in the County.

Committee reviewed August-September 2025 Expenses.

Meeting was adjourned by Chair.