

PARKS & RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

December 12th, 2022 – 12:30 p.m.

Virtual/Remote Online via WebEx and in person

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County Board Room – Services Center – 480 Underwood Avenue, Montello, Wisconsin

Meeting Number (access): 2555 601 7919 Pass: HmSrbh2WF76

Join By Phone: 1-408-418-9388 Pass: 46772429

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Committee: Ken Borzick, Dave Benson, Jeff Frazer, Gary Doudna, Karen Wampler, Kathleen McGwin, Karen Christensen

All Agenda Items Below Involve Potential for Discussion and Action.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Review/Approve Agenda
3. Review/Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
4. Citizen Comments/Concerns
5. Monthly Report & Updates
6. Ice Age Trail Alliance Boardwalk Reconstruction and Training Day Request
7. Natural Playground Planning Process Update
8. Puckaway Landing Repairs and County Conservation Aids Grant Funding 2023
9. John Muir History Route Update
10. Review November 2022 Monthly Expenses
11. Adjourn

This is a public meeting. As such, all members, or a majority of the members of the County Board may be in attendance. While a majority of the County Board members or the majority of any given County Board Committee may be present, only the Parks & Rural Planning Committee will take official actions based on the above agenda.

Anyone requiring special accommodation because of disability please contact the County Conservationist's office, (608) 296-2815, 24 hours before scheduled meeting time so appropriate arrangements can be made.



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



438 Industrial Drive ♦ Suite 1 ♦ Westfield, WI 53964 ♦ Phone (608) 296-2815

PARKS AND RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 7th, 2022, 12:30pm

Virtual/WebEx or in Person at Services Center-Demo Room 480 Underwood Ave. Montello WI.

Chairman Borzick called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Committee Members: Ken Borzick, Dave Benson, Kathleen McGwin, Gary Doudna, Karen Wampler & Karen Christensen. Others: Patrick Kilbey, Ron Barger, Keri Solis, Mary Walters.

Benson, 2nd by Christensen, motion to approve Agenda. **Motion Carried.**

Christensen, 2nd by Benson, motion approve the September 2022 Meeting Minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Kilbey gave Monthly Report. Update on Buffalo Lake Dam/Lock Chamber repairs schedule after meeting he attended with DNR Engineers. Beavers returned and made Dam in creek by Muir Park. Snowmobile Trail preparations have begun by clubs with some trail changes being updated by County Staff. Park bathrooms will be pumped and closed for winter week after Deer Season/Thanksgiving.

Kilbey informed Committee the County had reached “High-Flyer” Status with Bird City. Out of 96 qualified Bird Cities, only 32 have this designation. Muirland Bird club plays major role in reaching the benchmarks needed for this goal. Discussion followed on how this helps tourism in County.

Kilbey gave report on the Marquette Park on Mont’Leau River. Plans for proposed Gazebo were handed out. Kilbey is working with Josh Loring Construction on plan and construction of Gazebo. Fishing Access areas were recently constructed by Christensen along with brushing in the park.

Natural Playground planning on-going. All locust had been cut and is laying on ground to dry out/rot. Kilbey and Christensen are having High-Marq. School Students comes drag and stack locust brush and teaching them how to control the invasive species.

2023 Parks/Rural Planning Budget discussion was had. Committee had asked for Kilbey to look at numbers to charge \$20 for an annual pass for County Residents vs. \$25 for non-Cunty residents.

Changing that amount would hurt revenues collected and recommendations are to leave it \$25.

Consensus of Committee was not to take further action on annual pass fee.

Kilbey updated Committee on cuts that had taken place after their approval in September. Cuts had been made to eliminate Contracted Services (Daryl Christensen) and give all duties to Buildings & Grounds. Kilbey and Barger had numerous discussions and reinstated the services back into budget minus \$2,000. Christensen will no longer mow, and Buildings and Grounds will now handle all mowing. Kilbey also cut expenses/increased revenues to reduce the budget tax levy a total of \$11,000. Questions were raised by McGwin and Doudna on the process of cutting budgets without consulting Dept. Head and/or Committee. Barger explained process and also gave details on county budget shortfalls going into 2023. Discussion carried.

McGwin reported last month that there were 488 new/unique viewers on the John Muir Mobile App, with uptick in QR codes being scanned.

Committee reviewed September/October expenses and Meeting was adjourned by Chairman.

SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS
Meeting P & R Planning November 2022

Vendor	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Invoice Amt.	Description
Patrick Kilbey			\$60.00	Employee Expenses
Marquette Cty. Highway			\$2,245.34	Oxford Landing, Wayside/Muir Closure
Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene			\$60.00	Muir Well Testing
Country Plumber Inc.			\$1,086.28	Bathroom Seasonal Pumping
Virch's True Value			\$18.98	Park supplies
Adams Columbia Electric			\$34.48	Muir Well Electric
VISA			\$81.40	Truck Fuel
		Total:	\$3,586.48	

This is to attest that the vouchers listed above have been examined and the expenditure approved.

