

# **PARKS & RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 12:30 p.m.**

Virtual/Remote Online via WebEx and in person

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

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Committee: Bob Miller, Al Gibeaut, Gary Doudna, Karen Wampler, Kathleen McGwin, Kathy Jo Locke, Karen Christensen

## **All Agenda Items Below Involve Potential for Discussion and Action.**

### **Agenda**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Review/Approve Agenda
3. Review/Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
4. Monthly Report & Updates
5. Request for Placement of Secrets Sculpture
6. Natural Playgrounds Installation & funding
7. Ice Age Trail Support Resolution
8. Review January 2022 Monthly Expenses
9. 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.***

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# MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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## PARKS AND RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 12:30pm

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

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

Committee Members: Robert Miller, Al Gibeaut, Kathy Jo Locke (virtual), Karen Wampler, Gary Doudna, Kathleen McGwin & Karen Christensen. Others: Patrick Kilbey, Ron Barger, Keri Solis, Mary Walters.

Gibeaut, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christensen, motion to approve Agenda as mailed. **Motion Carried.**

Wampler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christensen, motion to approve the December 2021 Meeting Minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Kilbey gave Monthly Report. Snowmobile trails are not open, but Clubs are currently grooming. New GPS requirements on groomers is causing issues but Clubs are getting through the transition. Boat Landing Revenue for 2021 was \$13,704 compared to \$14,027 in 2020. Discussion followed.

Miller and Kilbey updated Committee on replacement of Wayside Welcome sign that was discussed at December meeting. Kilbey has replacement estimate of \$2,000 from All County Signs with a different material being used to extend lifespan out to 10-12 years. Discussion was had on Tourism Bureau funded signs at other County Hwy. entrances. Thoughts were to keep sign the same concept/format as existing sign. Kilbey explained there is not monies in 2022 budget to cover the expense.

Wampler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gibeaut, motion to approve up to \$2,500 for new Marquette County Welcome sign at the Wayside using existing funds and to forward to ARPA Committee to possibly use ARPA Funds. **Motion Carried.**

Kilbey reviewed the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan re-write that is due. Miller Appointed members to an Ad-Hoc Committee including three members of this committee (Doudna, McGwin, Locke). Also appointed were John Flannery, Emily Truell, Michelle O'Malley, Jack Frost, Lauren Olson and Daryl Christensen. Discussion followed. Kilbey and Solis will serve as Advisors with other Department Heads/County Personnel being called on as needed when questions arise for the re-write.

Kilbey reported Marquette Park on Mont'Leau River that expense reimbursements are being tallied for work done in 2021. June 2022 is still projected finish date.

McGwin gave update on Muir App. The App had 435 visits last month. Lower number of visitors with it being winter but still plenty of activity.

McGwin reported on possible Ice Age Trail Segments being completed in 2022.

Christensen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doudna, motion to approve December 2021 Expenses. **Motion Carried.**  
Meeting adjourned by the Chairman.

SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS

Meeting     **P & R Planning January 2022**    

Vendor	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Invoice Amt.	Description
3 Hebbe's LLC			\$350.01	Building/Shed Rent
Adams-Columbia Elec. Coop.			\$34.48	Park Electric
		Total:	\$384.49	

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

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ICE AGE TRAIL IN MARQUETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 1980, the United States Congress designated the Ice Age Trail (the "Trail") to be a National Scenic Trail under the National Trails System Act; and

WHEREAS, the National Trails System Act encourages "volunteer citizen involvement in the planning, development, maintenance, and management, where appropriate, of trails;" and

WHEREAS, the development and maintenance of that portion of the Trail running through Marquette County is a co-operative project between landowners, local units of government, Marquette County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service, and volunteers with the Marquette County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance, Wisconsin Friends of John Muir, and the Muirland Bird Club; and

WHEREAS, the Trail is an all-season path for everyone to enjoy by foot, snowshoe, and ski; and

WHEREAS, the Trail is a recreational and educational resource that improves the quality of life for Marquette County citizens, families and children as well as visitors to Marquette County and increases tourism and interest in Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, the Trail is planned to connect public lands in French Creek State Wildlife Area, John Muir County Park, Fox River Wildlife Refuge, Caves Creek State Fishery Area, and Mecan River State Fishery Area through the townships of Buffalo, Packwaukee, Montello, Harris, Westfield, and Springfield; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Marquette County supports the continued development of the Trail through Marquette County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this signed resolution be included in the Marquette County Outdoor Recreation Plan and that this signed resolution be sent to the National Park Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Ice Age Trail Alliance.

Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.