



**MARQUETTE COUNTY  
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**



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

**PARKS AND RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 12:30 p.m.**

**In Person at Services Center-Demo Room 480 Underwood Ave. Montello WI.**

**Or Virtual/Online via WebEx**

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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
2. Review/Approve Agenda
3. Review/Approve Minutes of prior meeting.
4. Monthly Report & Update
5. Muir Park Water/Drinking Well Update
6. Apuckawa Landing Parking Expansion/Drinking Water Update
7. 2022 Budget Review
8. Marquette Park on Mont'Leau River Development Update
9. John Muir History App Usage Update
10. Approve August 2021 Vouchers
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.***

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## PARKS AND RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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, Karen Wampler, Gary Doudna, Kathleen McGwin & Karen Christensen. Others: Patrick Kilbey, Keri Solis, Mary Walters, Natalie Bussan & Ron Barger.

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

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

Kilbey gave Monthly Report. Lower Locks Road Closure gate is complete after Kilbey and Daryl Christensen put in support poles to lock gate open. Bowbenders shoot at Muir Park is scheduled for Aug. 14-15. Bowbenders donated and with Kilbey supervising, mowed south service entrance with tractor to keep the Locust and Prickly Ash from taking over trail. The remaining portions of trail will be mowed with regular lawn mower. Kilbey also did walk thru (as required) before the targets were placed. Discussion followed on the upcoming shoot.

Solis updated on the Outdoor Recreation Survey results. 330 people responded to survey with a third being non-residents. Hiking trails were the overall most popular activity/service. Drinking water, improved boat landings also ranked high. Discussion was had on how these results will help guide the updating of the County Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Following up to last meeting, Kilbey presented estimates to install a drinking well system at Muir Park. Total project estimate is \$17,940 breakdown: well \$5,940, pump \$4,000, Fountain/filling station \$5,000 and support structure \$3,000. Ron Barger stated that ARPA Funds could be used for this project and would be a good project to fund. Discussion was had on ARPA Funds and County Board approval. Consensus of Committee was to recommend this project/expenditure to County Board using ARPA Funds.

Kilbey updated Committee on DNR Grant for Puckaway Access parking expansion and water supply. Committee reviewed a map of proposed parking expansion using gravel. Water well was inspected by Kilbey and Van Treeck found DNR tag applied stating not for public consumption. Kilbey reached out to DNR awaiting confirmation of why well was not for public. Assumption is (due to lack of use) the well built up bacteria. Plans to add a boat washing station for AIS would increase well/water use stopping build-up of bacteria.

McGwin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wampler approve parking expansion & water supply at Apuckawa Landing with DNR grant of \$4,408 at 50/50 County Match as funds are available in 2021 or 2022. **Motion Carried.**

Kilbey updated on expansion of Lower Locks Road parking area using DNR road aid funding. Plans were reviewed along with estimate of \$12-\$14,000 from Highway Dept. to complete project was discussed.

Wampler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gibeaut, motion to approve County expanding Lower Locks Road for parking lane and accept up to \$14,000 road aid funds from Wisconsin DNR to complete project. **Motion Carried.**



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Neenah Lake Boat Landing ownership was discussed. Natalie Bussan was present and explained there were no major legal issues or liabilities the County would assume taking ownership. Environmental and other possibilities were discussed but agreed they shouldn't be an issue. Mary Walters was present for Town of Oxford and stated the Town offered to pay any legal expenses with ownership/title transfers. Discussion followed.

Rosenthal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christensen to recommend to County Board the County take ownership of the Neenah Lake Public Access from the Town of Oxford with Oxford paying all transfer/title expenses.

**Motion Carried.**

Kilbey gave update on the Marquette Park on Mont'Leau River. Cultural Resource evaluations for Burial Grounds have been cleared and project can be completed. Discussion followed on highway performing work this fall and other timelines.

McGwin gave update on Muir App. With 486 visits and 715 views last month. Of those users, 71% of them were new visitors.

Rosenthal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Locke, motion to approve July 2021 Expenses. **Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned by the Chairman at 1:40 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS

Meeting     **P & R Planning August 2021**    

| Vendor                       | Invoice # | Invoice Date | Invoice Amt. | Description            |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
| VISA                         |           |              | \$4.65       | ATV fuel               |
| Patrick Kilbey               |           |              | \$55.64      | Employee Expenses      |
| Marq. Highway Dept.          |           |              | \$264.05     | Truck Fuel & Park Work |
| Country Plumber              |           |              | \$125.00     | Lower Locks Restroom   |
| Holliday True Value Hardware |           |              | \$14.22      | Paint                  |
| Westfield United Cooperative |           |              | \$59.88      | Buccaneer Product      |
|                              |           | Total:       | \$523.44     |                        |

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

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