



MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



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PARKS AND RURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2026, 11:30am

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

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

Members: Chuck Bornhoeft, Mike Raddatz, Karen Wampler, Others: Patrick Kilbey, Ron Barger.

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

Raddatz, 2nd by Wampler, motion to approve April 2026 Meeting Minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Introductions of new members and discussion were had. Meeting dates/times were discussed, and it was agreed to switch meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of month at 9:00 a.m., which is one hour prior to Executive & Finance.

Kilbey gave monthly report and Department overview simultaneously. Pictures of recent parks issues/repairs were shown and discussed. Parks Contractor position was described and brought to attention for each project they worked on. History of Department, funding and revenues were all explained and discussed. Parks Contracted position and duties were described and discussed along with budget cuts and past discussions of eliminating position. After discussions, Committee agreed to continue to support contracted position and to add as an agenda item for next meeting as action item to keep position in 2027 budget.

Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) report/update was handed out. Discussion was had on Montello Trail Community Designation, IATA duties on trail maintenance, tourism impact and other trail related impacts.

Kilbey presented Muir Historical Route App. use that was received from Kathleen McGwin. Data showed busy month with spike in usage over Fish/Fun weekend. App/site was discussed along with app hosting expenses and future maintenance. Discussion was had on budget for future app expenses being transferred to tourism budget. After discussion, all agreed the budget should be moved to tourism. Kilbey and Barger will work on transfer. Contract with hosting company needs to be located and reviewed. Discussion followed.

Committee reviewed April-May 2026 Expenses.

Meeting was adjourned by Chair.