

IRON COUNTY LAND INFO COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY DECEMBER 5TH 2014

The Iron County Land Info Council met on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 10:00 am in the Main Meeting Room of the Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin.

Attendance: Tom Bergman, Opal Roberts, Mitch Koski, Neil Martinko, Dan Soine, Kathy Tutt, Joe Pinardi, Peter Herreid (WLIP), and Howard Veregin (WI-SCO)

TB called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and acknowledged the posting of the agenda.

Approve minutes from previous meeting: MK & OR. Motion Carried.

TB discussed the 2015 Land Information Grant. The grant is about \$83,-84,000. Most of it will be spent on the WROC Orhto/LIDAR Project. The total for the two-year project is about \$249,000. Approximately \$20,000 will be coming from the LI Budget. The Tribes will be putting in some money. There is still a need for \$30,-40,000 in 2016 which can be made up from the Tech Budget.

PH introduced himself and HV. They are out visiting Counties around the State. They discussed the State-wide GIS projects. V0 was the Broadband Coverage Map completed this year. V1 will be the Act 20 Parcel Map with limited tabular data by July 2015. HB said parcels is the starting layer. Other layers will be transportation, municipalities, landuse, zoning, and wetlands. Act 20 increased WLIP grants. Part of that money will be recouped from the sunseting of redaction funding. There will be Strategic Initiative Funding beginning in 2016. It will be focused towards parcels and remonumentation. 2016 Grant applications will be due by October 2015. The County's Land Info Plan will need to be reviewed and updated in the second half of 2015. Attached is a WLIP info sheet.

There was no Other Business or Public Comment.

No exact date was set for the next meeting. There will probably be three-to-four meetings next year, as needed.

Adjournment at 10:15 am: OR & KT. Motion Carried.

These Minutes may be amended at the next meeting before approval.

Statewide Digital Parcel Map Initiative

- Act 20 of 2013 directed DOA to plan for and create a statewide digital parcel map in coordination with counties.
- DOA is partnering again with the State Cartographer's Office to create the Act 20 Version 1 Statewide Parcel Map to be completed by June 30, 2015, with subsequent versions anticipated.
- 2017 requirement for counties to post certain parcel information online – No later than June 30, 2017, counties shall post on the Internet, in a searchable format determined by the Department of Administration (likely to be a GIS format), the following information related to individual land parcels:
 - Property tax assessment data, including: assessed value of land, assessed value of improvements, total assessed value, class of property as specified in s. 70.32(2)(a), estimated fair market value, and total property tax
 - Zoning information maintained by the county
 - Property address information maintained by the county
 - Acreage information maintained by the county

Increase in WLIP Grant Funding

- DOA has already increased annual Training & Education grant funding from \$300 to \$1000 per county
- Act 20 increased the Base Budget eligibility threshold from \$50k to \$100k. DOA has already implemented this change with 2014 grants, which needed to be prorated due to lack of revenue. Base Budget grants will be fully funded in 2015.
- **Strategic Initiative grant eligibility** of \$50k per county will begin in 2016.
- While each county would be eligible for the same amount of Strategic Initiative grant funding, counties would be required to achieve certain statewide objectives specified in the form of **benchmarks** before using the Strategic Initiative grant funding for other purposes consistent with their land information plan.
- Requirements for Strategic Initiative funding and benchmarks will be specified in the 2016 WLIP grant application, to be released by October 1, 2015.

Benchmarks

- **Benchmarks** are a standard or achievement level on a specific measure of data quality or completeness.
- Benchmarks will likely include both short-term and long-term statewide objectives. The benchmarks for 2016 Strategic Initiative grants will likely be focused on the 2017 requirement to post certain parcel information online in searchable format determined by DOA (likely to be a GIS format). Examples of possible benchmarks include:
 - Benchmark #1 Short-term – The Act 20 parcel attributes to be included in or joined to a county's digital parcel dataset
 - Benchmark #2 Short-term – Filling in gaps in GIS digital parcel mapping. Several counties around the state have gaps in their digital parcel coverage. If a county's approach is to first remonument PLSS corners before areas are digitally parcel mapped, the county would likely be able to continue with this approach using Strategic Initiative grant funding.
 - Benchmark #3 Long-term – Remonumentation

County Land Information Plan Updates

- County land records modernization plans guide county land information retained fees and grants spending.
- DOA is responsible for providing instructions for updating land information plans, which will occur in the first half of 2015.
- The first post-Act 20 update to your county land info plan is tentatively due in draft form to DOA by January 1, 2016.

Register of Deeds Document Recording Fee

- Beginning January 1, 2015, counties will send \$7 from each register of deeds document recording fee to DOA.
- DOA will provide a **new ROD Recording Fee Submission Report form** by January 1, 2015.
- This is projected to increase the Land Information Fund revenue to over \$7 million, over 90% of which is projected to come back to counties in the form of WLIP grants.