

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 06, 2016**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Pinardi at 5:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Hanson, Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Kichak, Matson, Mullard, Pinardi, Youngs, Thomas, Saari, Smith and Krall. Absent: Prospero, excused. Nine members of Saxon Harbor Boating Club were present in the audience.

Clerk Michael Saari certified that the meeting was properly called and posted.

**RESOLUTION 2911
LAKE CLASSIFICATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department is a county government entity used by the public as a resource for technical, education and financial assistance for protecting and restoring the county's soil and water resources;

WHEREAS, lakes and streams in Iron County are an important natural resource used for recreation and public enjoyment as well as an important source of economic income for the county, and;

WHEREAS, Iron County and the Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department recognize that the public enjoyment of these waterways and tourism industry are best served by the protection of critical watershed areas and reasonable land use activities from degradation through shoreland management technical assistance and education for lake property owners, lake groups, elected officials and town and county partners, and;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has lake classification grant funds available to help fund county lake and stream classification activities, and;

WHEREAS, a Conservation Specialist will help protect water quality by obtaining baseline data on current shoreland health, then promoting and coordinating with citizens, local officials and regional partners such as the WDNR working to prevent water quality degradation from lakeshore development practices, and;

WHEREAS, the grant funds 50% of the project costs with the county funding and the remaining 50% through in-kind hours of existing county employees, equipment use and training/support, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Classification Grant Program and hereby authorizes the Iron County Conservationist to act on behalf of the Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department to: Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid; sign documents; take necessary action to complete an approved Lake Classification Grant; and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department will comply with the rules of the state program including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations, including the prompt payment of our 50% commitment to project costs.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Mullard to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held between Eric Peterson, Forestry Administrator and county board on options for rebuilding of campground and Saxon Harbor marina. Eric explained to board the funding options from FEMA, Wisconsin Emergency Government and local share of rebuilding. Eric told board that other grant funds are available to the county for items not covered by FEMA rules in rebuilding harbor to the same as it was on July 11th or building an improved harbor where FEMA funds would be capped at their estimates to put harbor back the same as it was pre disaster. Stacy Ofstad, Emergency Government Administrator gave his impute on FEMA rules of reimbursements for the towns of Iron County and for the county itself. Neil Gilbertson and Joe Maslanka from Saxon Harbor boating club told the board that the existing harbor layout was a good design for Iron County and to rebuild it the same way for 2 reasons: funding guarantee from FEMA and a much faster rebuilding timeline. County Board will act on what direction to take with rebuilding the harbor at the December 20th county board meeting. The board also instructed Eric Peterson to look at purchasing land on east side of harbor for use as a possible campground in the future. Current campground is now in the floodplain and must be moved or raised up higher than flood elevations. Eric will bring information back to board possibly at December 20th board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:12 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk