

**IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**APRIL 30, 2019**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Pinardi at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call, present: Kichak, Matson, Pinardi, Francis, Youngs, Thomas, Snyder, Krall, Hanson, Erickson, Sendra, Roberts and Thompson. Absent: Aijala and Saari. Student Representatives, present: Hohner and Binz. Absent: Stuhr, Morello, Allen-Rodriquez and Botes.

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

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Erickson to approve minutes of March 26, 2019 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Thomas to recess from open session to hold a public hearing on land swap between Iron County and Joe Francois. County to trade the county's interest on land on Birch Hill, Town of Saxon for land in the Towns of Gurney, Knight, Saxon and Mercer. All aye. Motion carried.

Eric Peterson, Forestry Administrator gave an overview of proposed land swap. Eric stressed that Iron county only owns a percentage of each forty up for trade. We do not have a clear title to any land on the Birch Hill. All properties obtained in our trade will have clear titles with title insurance. Michael Paternoster and Scott Peterson were both present and asked questions about use of the land in the future. Discussion took place on any land use agreements between Iron County and adjacent land owners.

Motion by Sendra, seconded by Thomas to return to open session. All aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2964**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN JOE FRANCOIS AND IRON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Iron County owns or owns interest in certain lands located within Township 47N, Range 1W, Town of Saxon, within the boundaries of the Bad River Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Iron County's lands are described as the W ½ NW ¼, Govt. Lot 3, and Govt. lot 4 in Section 4, the SE ¼ NW ¼, NW ¼ SW ¼, N ¼ SW ¼ SW ¼, in Section 5, Govt. Lot 3, Govt. Lot 4, W ¾ W ½ NE ¼ SW ¼, NW ¼ SW ¼, S1/2 SW ¼, NE ¼ SE ¼ in Section 6, the N ½ SW ¼ in Section 7, Undivided 2/3 interest in the NW ¼ NE ¼ in Section 8, the W ½ SW ¼ SW ¼ in Section 16, and the NW ¼ SW ¼ in Section 18. Parcel Numbers 018-0011-0000, 018-0010-0100, 018-0010-0300, 018-0022-0000, 018-0025-0000, 018-0032-0000, 018-0033-0000, 018-0037-0000, 018-0038-0000, 018-0039-0000, 018-0047-0000, and 018-0055-0000, 018-0055-0100, 018-0128-0100, and 018-0151-0000, 610 acres M/L; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Francois owns certain lands located in the NE ¼ SE ¼ excepting the south 330' west of Old HWY 51 in Section 20, T43N, R3E, Town of Mercer, the NE ¼ SW ¼ in Section 22, T47N, R1E, Town of Saxon, the NW ¼ NW ¼ in Section 30, T46N, R1W, Town of Gurney, the W ½ NW ¼, SE ¼ NW ¼, S ½ NE ¼, N ½, SW ¼, SW ¼ SE ¼, N ½ SE ¼, in Section 9, and the W ½ NW in Section 10, T45N, R1E, Town of

Knight. Parcel Numbers 018-0328-0000, 006-0218-0000, 010-0833-0000, 010-0834-0000, 010-0836-0000, 010-0837-0000, 010-0838-0000, 010-0839-00000, 010-0840-0000, 010-0842-0000, 010-0843-0000, 010-0844-0000, 010-0845-0000, 010-0852-0000, 010-0853-0000, and 012-1703-0000, 622.02 acres M/L; and

**WHEREAS,** Joe Francois is desirous of a land exchange of these described parcels with Iron County; and

**WHEREAS,** the Iron County Forestry Committee has reviewed the proposed land exchange and approved the request from Joe Francois, contingent upon signature of acknowledgement letter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Iron County Board of Supervisors approves of the exchange of the aforementioned Iron county lands for the described lands from Joe Francois, contingent on signature of acknowledgement letter by Joe Francois.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Sendra to approve land swap between Iron County and Joe Francois contingent upon Joe Francois maintaining all current land use agreements with current land owners. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Clerk told board that the 2018 audit has begun.

#### **COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Kichak reported that the county has received 5 good applicants for the newly formed CWD Committee.

Eric Peterson reported that the county stumpage revenues are \$676,786.74 as of today while they were \$1,128,000 at the same time last year. He also reported that the spring timber sale will have 18 sales from a total of 1,800 acres with the bid opening on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Krall reported that the Harbor Committee had a long meeting but a good meeting with boating club members.

Hanson reported that the Airport Board is discussing putting up a new hanger to handle new 16 seat passenger planes that may be used in Ironwood for 2020.

Roberts told board that Melissa Geach's hourly rate was raised by Finance Committee to get her back to her real hourly rate and a part-time dispatcher was elevated to full-time status.

Roberts reported that a MOU is on tonight's agenda between Iron County and the Iron County Economic Development Zone Coordinator. Finance Committee also approved the purchase of 2 jeeps for employee use to cut down on the amount of mileage paid out to employees.

Roberts reported that the advisory board for the Aging Unit is working out very well. Transportation issues have been discussed with Senator Bewley and Representative Meyers. A dog to be purchased by the State of Wisconsin for an Iron County client at a price of \$22,000 was discussed and may be brought up at the next Human Services meeting.

Thomas reported that the mobile food pantry was held yesterday and the next Extension summer camp will be moved to Bruce, Wisconsin because of price and more space available for more campers.

Thomas also reported that the Memorial Building roof repair is being planned with a rain water runoff problem going into the sewer system will be fixed at the same time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Schurtter, Montreal told the board that he is pleased with how Iron County watches how our county dollars are being spent.

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Matson to award Saxon Harbor reconstruction Contract #4 Campground to Snow Country Contracting for \$1,802,873.22 contingent upon FEMA approval. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Youngs to approve advertising for a full-time IT position. All aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2965**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO ADMINISTER THE IRON COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2019**

**WHEREAS, Iron County** is eligible to apply for various grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Foundation, Coastal Management Program; and Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant applications must include maps, designs, specifications, work plans, and financial estimates;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Conservationist and County Clerk to submit applications to the above mentioned funding authorities for grants in aid to administer the Iron County Land & Water Resource Management Plan for the year, 2019, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Iron County Conservationist to seek out and apply for any and all other grants in aid to administer the Iron County Land & Water Resource Management Plan as they become available and depending on the County's eligibility.

Motion by Matson, seconded by Thomas to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Kichak to approve MOU between Iron County and Iron County Economic Development Zone Coordinator. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on purchase of 20 electronic door locks for Courthouse, Human Services and Sheriff Department from Great Escape Technologies, Inc. Ironwood Police Department uses this system and is very happy with it. System will record when a door is opened and who opened that door. Company is from Manitowish Waters and tech support will be close at hand.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Snyder to purchase said system from GET Inc. Roll call. All aye.  
Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2966**

##### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 148<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER WING, MINNESOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE LOCATED IN DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

**WHEREAS**, the 148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard Base located in Duluth, MN has been and continues to be a stable employer for air men and women across Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, the base has provided an estimated \$94 million annually in direct expenditure in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the base is a respected member of our region supporting quality men and women who raise their families throughout the region supporting our healthcare facilities, education systems, businesses and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire region of Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan is impacted positively by the economic vitality of the base; and

**WHEREAS**, the longevity and continued viability of the base can be supported and enhanced by the installation of new F-35 aircraft;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we support and encourage the continued viability of the 148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard Base in Duluth, Minnesota by asking congress and the appropriate Military Leadership to place new F-35 aircraft there as soon as possible in support of our nation's defense.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Youngs to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2967**

##### **CANCELLATION OF TAX DEED**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that a Tax Deed that was taken by Iron County, Wisconsin on February 26, 2019, Document # 165556 on the 2013 Real Estate Tax on property owned by Le Ba Hoan Described As Tax Parcel #236-0959-0000, located in the City of Hurley and;

**WHEREAS**, all taxes, interest and penalties in the amount of \$ 2,777.40 have been paid to Iron County on April 15, 2019 general receipt # 6079 for said property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That Iron County will cancel tax deed on the Le Ba Hoan property in the City of Hurley, Iron County, Wisconsin.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Roberts to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING/LAND & ZONING COMMITTEE TO COUNTY BOARD  
ON HEARING OF PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Rezone the following:

Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ and NE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 6, Township 46 North, Range 2 East, Town of Kimball, to bring the property into accordance with the future land use plan. (Site address is US Highway 2). Chad Parent, owner.

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

Rezone the following:

Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 22, Township 46 North, Range 2 East, Town of Kimball, to bring the property into accordance with the future land use plan. (Site address is Division Street). Iron County Resource Development Association, Inc., owner.

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Matson to adjourn at 7:05 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk