

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MARCH 30, 2021**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pinardi at 6pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, present: Thompson, Hiller, McComas, Byrns (phone), Pinardi, Frances, Youngs, Thomas, Saari, Snyder, Krall, Hanson, Erickson, Sendra and Roberts. Absent: None.

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Saari to approve minutes of February 23, 2021 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

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

Thompson reported that stumpage revenues as of today are \$536,151.05 while they were \$516,758.79 at the same time last year.

Youngs reported that the Economic Development Committee is putting together a visitor's guide with help from Kelly Klein and both the Hurley and Mercer Chambers. 5000 copies will be printed for distribution.

Hanson reported the Zoning Committee is looking at bed and breakfast applications in Mercer and the building season is starting which means a lot of work for our Zoning Department.

Hanson also reported that water testing is ongoing at the airport with wells being tested on property and off property. Committee is also looking at a feasibility study for future building plans at the airport.

Roberts reported that 7 applicants were chosen to be interviewed for the IT position and the Finance recommended purchasing the property on Germania Hill which is on the agenda tonight.

Roberts also told board that the Northern Waters Library Board name has been changed to Northern Waters Library Network.

Snyder reported that Melissa Geach has accepted a position with the State of Wisconsin so our Health Department is looking for a Registered Nurse to replace her.

Bill Thomas reported that the Memorial Building is getting busy with reservations for the coming summer season.

Youngs reported that the new Highway Garage in Mercer is nearly complete and a very nice building. Highway Department is looking to hire summer help and summer work is now being planned on county roads all over the county. Youngs also commented on what a mild winter we had for our Highway Department.

Saari reported that Land Conservation's Annual Report was given out tonight for the board's information. LCC is going to be hiring 2 summer interns and wetland mitigation is being tied into the carbon credits the Forestry is reviewing for our county forests.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Schurtter, Montreal commented how bad the Island Lake Road was referring to number of potholes as he went on a spring tour around the county recently.

Chairman Pinardi reappointed Steve Finco and Gerald Luke to new terms on the Board of Adjustments.

Chairman Pinardi announced that Iron County has hired Danny Gardner as our new IT Director. He will begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion by Saari, seconded by Snyder to purchase 2 lots on Germania Hill for \$10,500.00 from Kenneth Tilton to provide access to communication tower in the future if needed. Roll call. All present voted yes except Youngs and Krall who voted no. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Sendra to approve the 2020 Forestry annual report. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Thomas to designate April 26<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as "work zone awareness week" in Iron County. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Rezoning the following:

Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an A-1 (Agriculture) District, part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 21, Township 47 North, Range 1 East, Town of Saxon, in accordance with future Land Use Plan. Site address is 8683W Niemi Road. Duane Neumann, owner.

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

Rezoning the following:

Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an A-1 (Agriculture) District, part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, & SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 6, Township 44 North, Range 3 East, Town of Oma, in accordance with future Land Use Plan. Site address is Camp 7 Road. Gerald & Linda McClellan, owners.

Motion by Francis, seconded by Hiller to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF ZONING AGENCY TO COUNTY BOARD ON HEARING OF PETITION TO  
AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Amendments and additions to Title 9, Article VIII, Conditional Uses

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

**RESOLUTION 3004**  
**APPROVING A ROAD USE PERMIT TO MICHAEL DUNPHY**

**WHEREAS,** Iron County owns certain lands located in the NW ¼ SW ¼ and the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 30, T44N, R1W, Town of Anderson, Iron County, Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Dunphy is purchasing certain lands located in the NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 30, T44N, R1W, Town of Anderson, Iron County, Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Dunphy is desirous of obtaining a road use permit from Iron County for road right of way, upon, across and over the above described Iron County Lands, on an already established roadway, for purposes of obtaining access to the land to be purchased by Michael Dunphy; and

**WHEREAS,** the Iron County Forestry Committee has reviewed the request and approved the issuance of a road use permit to Michael Dunphy that is not in conflict with the Iron County Forestry Department's 15-year plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That Iron County, through its Forest Administrator, shall issue a road use permit to Michael Dunphy pursuant to which Iron County shall grant unto Michael Dunphy a temporary license over and upon the existing road in the NW ¼ SW ¼ and the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 30, T44N, R1W, Town of Anderson, Iron County Wisconsin. The permit shall contain the standard provisions as approved by the Iron County Corporation Counsel. Said road shall be open to the public at all times. No gates or other means of restricting the public from access over and above said road will be allowed.

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

**RESOLUTION 3005**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO ADMINISTER THE**  
**IRON COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2021**

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

**WHEREAS,** the grant applications must include maps, designs, specification, 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 2021, 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 Saari, seconded by Hiller to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION 3006**

**WHEREAS**, the Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of protecting water quality in Iron County, WI.

**WHEREAS**, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application;

**WHEREAS**, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

### **COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST SHARE PERFORM DUTIES BELOW:**

Sign and submit a grant application.

Enter into a grant agreement with the DNR.

Submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate.

Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement.

Sign and submit any additional forms/reports associated with the grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and cost-share agreement.

Motion by Francis, seconded by Saari to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 6:25 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk