Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes November 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Koch at 9:06 a.m.

Members present for roll call were Owen DuCharme, Kate Krachey, and Mary Kuhn. Members of the community were also present.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Koch to approve October 22, 2025, minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously. Krachey abstained.

Gigi Collins, Property Lister Report: Collins reported the towns of Seneca and Wauzeka assessment rolls came in and the POWTS are being entered. Collins received a request from Crawford Stewardship Projects, Amy Fenn, Collins was happy she could assist Fenn. Collins informed the committee that the AS400 was upgraded last month. Collins continues to work on all the splits discussed last month and noted there hasn't been a delinquent tax meeting recently.

CSM: Dale and Donna Cipra, Town of Prairie du Chien – after a short discussion Collins asked for a motion. Motion by Kuhn, second by Krachey to approve the CSM as presented contingent upon the reviewing agencies approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Kuhn asked Collins if there was any progress on the "field of dreams" CSM. Collins stated they are still working on it, it is up to the surveyors to send them to the state.

Collins informed the committee she will get them copies of the county ordinance that has been reviewed by Collins and Marks.

Sime arrived at 9:11 a.m.

Motion by Sime, second by Kuhn to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Rich Marks, Surveyors report: Marks reported on the County Surveyor's Position stating he checked on what surrounding counties do. Marks stated you may want to stick with the current program, however, there are not a lot of surveyors out there that want to work for the county. Marks suggested selecting a few surveyors to send a letter to meet with the committee. Collins added a concern of the salary being too low for the position. The committee asked Collins and Marks to write a job description with expectations for the Surveyor position and bring them to the December meeting.

Motion by DuCharme, second by Kuhn to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion on whether the county could rebill the surveyor a second review fee and submittal fee due to rereviewing so many errors. Collins will speak with Peterson, in the meantime Koch stated we will need to add something to the ordinance.

Becky Nagel, LCD Sanitation & Zoning Technician Report: Nagel informed the committee that she was in the field for two soil tests, 14 installs, issued 9 sanitary permits, and reviewed 8 soil tests. Nagel continued by stating the conference she and Roberts attended was a great way of networking as well as good training. Nagel shared the information sheet to put in tax bills. Troester asked if the note could also be put on the website also.

Roberts informed the committee that 413 POWTS maintenance late fee letters were mailed. Adding, to date we have received \$11,200 in late fees. 105 citation notices went out last week; after responses we are down to 98 citations. There are more court dates in December 2025 and January 2026.

Troester updated the committee on the Indian Isle issues. State ordinances will have to be followed. Koch added we must issue the orders.

Gary Koch, Committee Chairman updated the committee with a discussion on the Industrial Scale Solar and Wind Projects. Dairyland intends to run very large power lines through Crawford County. Koch added that he is not sure if the state has any traction to stop the additional electrical poles.

Public Comment: Forest Jahnke shared that there will be an informational meeting on the Maribell project in Westby on November 20 from 4-6pm.

Kuhn asked, Yahnke responded that Dairyland is the primary company going by the name Gridliance is the out of state entity that is involved.

Edie Ehlert shared a handout that the Crawford Stewardship Project will be mailing out to landowners.

Sam Tesar, Eastman, shared with the committee his concern about not receiving his POWTS notice.

Next meeting date (Tuesday, December 9, 2025)

Motion by Krachey, second by Kuhn, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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