



BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Land Use Committee

Date of the Meeting: July 30, 2020

Chair of the Land Use Committee, Max Weiss, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor County Board meeting room, Buffalo County Courthouse, Alma, Wisconsin.

Committee Members Present: Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. David Danzinger and Mr. Steve Nelsen. Excused: Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell and Mr. Dwight Ruff.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting:

In Person:

- Jason Poser - Land Information Officer
- Ron Jasperson - County Surveyor
- Dennis Bork - County Board Chair
- Tony Poeschel and Sam Danzinger - Town of Canton
- Brad Mikelson and Bob Traun - Town of Nelson
- Dan Weisenbeck - Town of Maxville
- Ben Adank - Town of Milton

Virtually:

- Sonya Hansen - County Administrative Coordinator
- Lee Engfer - Town of Belvidere

Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of the Previous Meeting: No action was taken as minutes were not sent to the members prior to the meeting. Minutes will be reviewed at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Review/Discussion – Re-monumentation: County Surveyor Ron Jasperson presented a summary of the re-monumentation project that included towns that have been completed and maps for the incomplete towns of Maxville, Canton, Nelson, Milton and Belvidere. He explained the re-monumentation process and phases to complete a town. He explained the value and benefit of having the towns completed as individuals selling property and needing to have property surveyed in a re-monumented town typically pay less than those that are not re-monumented. Mr. Jasperson informed the Committee that he is finishing up the final paperwork on the Town of Waumandee and that the Committee had previously approved moving forward with the Town of Belvidere as they have \$60,000 set aside for this project. Buffalo County would use matching grant funds to complete the Town of Belvidere over the next two years.

The Committee and other present reviewed the history costs since the re-monumentation project started. It was noted that there was not an equal cost share between the towns and the County, and that the County historically contributed more towards the projects.

All parties were in consensus that the project is one that needs to get done but the concern was the ability to find funding. The Committee proposed that each remaining town would pay up to \$60,000 of the cost to re-monument their towns. The balance of the cost would be paid by the County by using any grant money received. Those towns that may not be able to fund their portion would be advanced the funds with a repayment over a 10 year or 15 year period and would be charged a 1% administration fee on the balance of their account. Money would not need to be paid to the County until the project work is started in the town.

After much discussion the Towns of Canton, Maxville, and Nelson indicated that they would need to meet with their board to discuss this proposal. The Town of Milton indicated that he would also need to discuss this with their board but believe that they may have the ability to fund the project on their own. The Town of Belvidere has already agreed to the project and are ready to start. The timetable discussed was as follows:

Town of Belvidere	2020-2021
Town of Milton	2021-2022
Town of Canton	2023-2024
Town of Maxville	2024-2025
Town of Nelson	2026-2027

This timetable could be adjusted based on weather and funding. The County would commit to getting the project completed and written agreements would be signed between the parties.

The Towns are going to meet with their boards and respond back to the County's proposal by no later than September 1, 2020.

Land Information Officer Jason Poser provided a copy of the proposed letter to the Town of Belvidere and with Auth Consulting & Associates for the Town of Belvidere re-monumentation project.

A motion was made by Mr. David Danzinger seconded by Mr. Steve Nelson to approve the letters to the Town of Belvidere and with Auth Consulting and Associates for the re-monument project. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Danzinger", written in a cursive style.

David Danzinger
Recording Secretary