

Grant County Board of Supervisors
August 15, 2023
Administration Building
111 S. Jefferson Street
Lancaster, WI 53813

The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with the open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Courthouse, on the website and in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with fourteen (14) members present in the room and three (3) vacancies: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey.

Approval of Agenda: Roger Guthrie, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: John Beinborn, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023 minutes with one change. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney read a letter of commendation from Judge Day for the Maintenance Department. Chairman Keeney read a letter of commendation for the IT staff from the Circuit Court Judges.

Chairman Keeney explained that there is a vacancy in District 9, District 12 and District 13.

Chairman Keeney reminded the Board that it is Fair Week and the Fair Board appreciates all the volunteers.

Action to fill vacancy of County Board District 12 Supervisor: Kathy Kopp resigned Monday, August 14, 2023. Kopp will be moving into District 12. Carol Beals, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to appoint Kathy Kopp to Supervisor District 12 of the Grant County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried by voice vote.

Appointment(s): Chairman Keeney advised the Board that there are currently four Grant County vacancies on Unified Community Services Board. Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to appoint Janelle Carrol to the Unified Community Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grants: There were no grant.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Shane Drinkwater, Robert Keeney and Sheriff Dreckman attended the Potosi public hearing. All variances were approved at the public hearing. The Village of Cassville has approved the tower site to be at the fire station. All of the sites have now been locked in. There will be a public hearing for the USDA grant. The four sites that are built have had the towers climbed and inspected. Three have fiber hooked up. Four of the eleven routers have been fired

up and are currently being cabled. Once the configurations are verified, the routers will be deployed to the tower sites.

The current radio system is aging quickly. RACOM went out to every sight to fine tune the current system. IT is looking for ways to support the legacy system with the new fiber optics.

597th Zoning Amendment: Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 597th Amendment for Silas & Julie Montgomery in the Town of Liberty, Delton Horst in the Town of Fennimore and William & Ruth Rotramel in the Town of Liberty. Porter Wagner, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the 597th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Farmland Preservation Plan: Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the Farmland Preservation Plan. The plan can be used to guide conservation and preservation efforts. The first plan was adopted in 2010 and needs to be updated every ten years. The information in the plan is natural history, maps, soils, water, environmental preservation, ag and ag infrastructure, statistics, municipal expansion and housing. Municipalities were involved in the process of updating the information. Major changes from the previous plan were census data, updating maps, adding information on renewable energy projects and grammatical changes. Joseph Mumm, second by Adam Day made a motion to adopt the Farmland Preservation Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Ellen Tyler from SWWRPC presented the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan assesses hazards relevant to the community and it identifies opportunities to reduce the risk of harm from those hazards. The plan is required by FEMA in order to be eligible for certain funding. The plan gives background information and has several maps. While preparing the plan, climate change, natural hazards and vulnerable population were looked at. Each municipality has their own map within the plan. Input was gathered from several stakeholders such as, school districts, UW Platteville, SWTC and every municipality in the county. The plan has been approved by Wisconsin Emergency Management. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

SWWRPC Annual Presentation: Troy Maggied, SWWRPC Director gave a yearly update. They serve in capacity building, Economic Development and planning. They have been involved with Regional Revolving Loan Funds, Mainstreet Bounceback Grants and working with US Economic Administration. They have done workforce and housing studies, along with assisting in strategic planning. For the next year, SWWRPC will be focusing on housing development and climate change.

Transit Plan: Lori Reid, ADRC Director and Jaclyn Essandoh, SWWRPC presented the transit plan to the Board. The plan is needed in order to apply for grants. The plan includes transportation services within the county and general public. There was great representation at the public hearing for the plan. The biggest change to the plan is filling in gaps and goals. There is a need for more volunteers and education for the municipalities of the provided transportation. John Beinborn, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the transit plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on IWT letter/resolution: Patrick Schroeder presented the draft letter that CSZD Committee forwarded on to the Board. Roger Guthrie, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to proceed with having Corporation Counsel clean up the language in the letter and bring back to a future meeting for discussion and possible action. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: Roger Guthrie, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to forego committee reports. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment: Gary Northouse, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to adjourn to October 3, 2023. Motion carried with two negative votes.