

**Minutes of the
Bayfield County Executive Committee Meeting
4:00pm, May 12, 2022**

**Meeting was held Remotely through Microsoft Teams and in person in the
Bayfield County Board Room, Washburn, WI**

Members Present: Jeff Silbert, Dennis Pocernich, Fred Strand (remote), Brett Rondeau, Mary Dougherty, Jeremy Oswald

Members Excused:

Others Present: Mark Abeles-Allison-County Administrator, Kristine Kavajecz-Human Resources, Lynn Divine, Marty Milanowski, , Carver Harries, Kate Stolp, Pastor Hanson, Jeff Silbert, Madelaine Rekemeyer, Gail Reha

Called to order at 4:00 by Chairman Rondeau.

Highway Committee Appointment to Executive: Jeremy Oswald was appointed as the representative from the Highway Committee to the Executive Committee.

Election of Executive Committee Chair and Vice Chair:

Motion Pocernich to nominate Rondeau for Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Motion Pocernich, Silbert to close nominations and case a unanimous ballot for Rondeau for Executive Committee Chairman. Motion Carried (6-0)

Motion Pocernich to nominate Oswald for Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Motion Pocernich, Dougherty to close nominations and case a unanimous ballot for Oswald for Executive Committee Vice-Chairman. Motion Carried (6-0)

Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2022: *Motion Silbert, Dougherty to approve minutes of the March 10, 2022 Executive Committee meeting. Motion Carried (6-0)*

Public Comment: Carver Harries-Ashland Area Development Corporation and Evergrow Learning Center reported that the grant previously presented to the committee has been submitted. Harries presented a funding request from the EverGrow Learning Center. The request is to ask Bayfield County to consider designating some ARPA funds to the center to ensure its continued operation. The request is for \$60,000.

Pride Month Presentation: Pastor Hanson and Kate Stolp provided a handout outlining a request to be able to display the six-stripe pride flag at the courthouse during the month of June for Pride month. Suggestion by Oswald to do a County Board proclamation.

Amending Bayfield County Ordinance Title 5, Chapter 6: Large-Scale

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations: Abeles-Allison reviewed that the CAFO ordinance was originally approved in 2016. Dougherty presented several recommendations in the meeting packet for modifications to the CAFO ordinance. Dougherty reviewed how the recommendations came about. There is a township in WI that is being sued based on their CAFO ordinance (similar to what is being proposed). If the county were to adopt the revised ordinance, they may draw attention of the organizations involved in the lawsuit in the other area of the state. Dougherty suggested having Corporation Counsel review the proposed ordinance modifications before taking any action. Dougherty assured the committee that the 2016 ordinance is retained within the revised ordinance, however, the revised ordinance primarily adds eleven plans that the applicant must provide as part of their application.

WCA Policy Platform Resolutions: Abeles-Allison provided an overview of the resolutions proposed to be forwarded to the WCA. Several of these resolutions were presented in 2021 and are proposed to be included again in 2022.

- a. Resolution, WCA Platform Resolution to Address the Statewide District Attorney Staffing Crisis. On a side note, District Attorney Lawton thanked the committee for supporting an increase in hours for the offices part-time staff.
- b. Resolution, WCA Platform Resolution Extending Wisconsin Levy Lid Exemption to Municipalities
- c. Resolution No. 2021-45: Support Medicaid Expansion
- d. Resolution, Enact Stronger Regulations to Limit the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease
- e. Resolution, Conduct Additional Research on Chronic Wasting Disease to Improve Testing, Treatment, and Management Options
- f. Resolution No. 2021-44: Supporting a Change in State Regulations and Legislation to Require Meaningful Local Input in the Siting of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)
- g. Resolution No. 2021-49: Supporting Changes in State Regulations and Legislation to Support Emergency Medical Services in Rural Areas

Motion, Pocernich, Silbert to forward the resolutions presented to the full county board for approval. Motion Carried (6-0) Question was asked if support should also be given for additional staffing for the Public Defender's Office.

Resolution, Sale and Transfer of County Lands on the Red Cliff Reservation to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa:

Motion Silbert, Dougherty to recommend the sale and transfer of county lands on the Red Cliff Reservation to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa resolution and forward to the full county board for approval. Motion Carried (6-0)

Comprehensive Planning Agreement with Northwest Regional Planning:

Motion Pocernich, Dougherty to approve the agreement with Northwest Regional Planning Commission for Comprehensive Planning. Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution, Approval of Public Participation Plan for Bayfield County

Comprehensive Plan Revision: The Public Participation Plan is the first step in the Comprehensive Plan process.

Motion Pocernich, Dougherty to approve the public participation plan to the full county board for approval. Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution, Establishing the Bayfield County Comprehensive Plan Committee:

Suggestion was made to add a National Park Service representative and a Tribal representative. Recommendation is to have no more than a dozen person on the steering committee.

Motion Dougherty, Oswald to forward the proposed list of Steering Committee representatives to the full county board with the addition of a National Park Service representative and a Tribal representative. Motion Carried (6-0)

Contingency Fund Allocations: Abeles-Allison reviewed the requests.

RAISE project grant assistance, County Highway A and N: \$16,000 requested. The grant was denied the first 2 times it was submitted.

4H Building Repairs, Washburn, Former Legion Building: Up to \$5,000 requested for repairs. Detail was provided in the meeting packet.

Motion Oswald, Silbert to authorize \$16,000 in contingency funds for RAISE project grant assistance to be provided by BakerTilly. Motion Carried (6-0)

Motion Silbert, Dougherty to authorize up to \$5,000 for repairs to the former American Legion/VFW building in Washburn for use by the 4-H programs. Comment from Pocernich to tear the building down and construct a new one. Motion Silbert, Dougherty to withdraw the original motion.

This topic will be discussed at a future meeting with a potential to add the construction of a new building in the 2023 budget.

CDBG-CV projects: Abeles-Allison reviewed the status of this funding and a letter that was submitted to that state.

Grant Project Updates:

- h. Comprehensive Planning
- i. Highway Generator: Bids received
- j. Highway Battery and EV Charging: 2023 project
- k. Health Department, Health Infrastructure: 2023 project
- l. ARPA:
 - i. Courthouse HVAC and COC/ROD/Child Support Relocation: Bids are out
 - ii. Northern Lights HVAC: Bids are out
 - iii. Northern Lights Generator: Design/plans are complete

Budget Planning Session, May 31, 4pm Review Tentative Agenda: 4pm before the county board meeting.

Wisconsin Opioid Settlement : Funds anticipated in 2023. Working with various offices on ideas to use the funding for. \$18K per year for 18 years or a lump sum payment are options.

County Board Meeting Process / Consent Agenda: Consent agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. The purpose of the consent agenda is to expedite business and streamline the meeting.

Reports:

- a. Financial Report, end of April 2022
- b. Treasurer's Report, end of April 2022
- c. Sales Tax report
- d. Cable Brownfield Project

The committee did not go into closed session.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:33pm