

LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING
 February 10, 2010
 Oneida County Courthouse
 First Floor – Conference Room
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501
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Committee Members	Gary Baier, Chairman	Sonny Paszak
David O'Melia	Denny Thompson	Peter Wolk

Call to Order.

Baier called meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at 9:30 a.m., noting that the meeting notice had been properly posted and that the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. All committee members were present except for O'Melia. Staff members present were Romportl & Leighton. Also attending the meeting was Paul Tubbs.

Approve Agenda/Minutes.

Motion/Wolk/Paszak approving today's Land Records Committee agenda. All ayes.

Motion/Wolk/Thompson approving the minutes of January 13, 2010 meeting. All ayes.

Discuss/Act/Report on Staff member's attendance at land-related meetings/seminars.

Romportl reported on the surveyors conference he recently attended.

Tax delinquent properties update.

Romportl stated there is interest in both the Curtis Lake and Balsam Lane properties as he has shown them several times in the last few weeks.

2010 aerial photography contract.

Romportl received a letter from North Central Regional Planning Commission informing us that 20% of the funding for the aerial photography will likely be coming from other agencies. North Central Regional Planning will be assisting us with the review and quality control of the photography. Committee discussed the proposed contract with Ayres Associates from Madison WI who will be doing the aerial photography.

Motion/Paszak/Wolk approving the contract for the aerial photography project at a 12" resolution upon final approval of Desmond. All ayes.

Legislation for Register of Deeds flat fee recordings and changes in land information program.

Leighton informed the committee of the proposal to have a \$25.00 flat fee on all documents. He said the County would take in more money with the flat fee with some of the increase being designated for land records modernization and the rest to the general fund. However, the legislation added additional language to the original proposal and would require the Counties to set up a Land Council that would help guide program activities and also requires counties to redact social security numbers if any are on a document that may be available on the Internet in the future.

Motion/Thompson/Paszak authorizing Romportl to send the letter to the State Legislators asking them not to support the Senate Bill 507, as written. All ayes.

WI Dept. of Revenue county wide assessment proposal.

Romportl stated that there is a lot of opposition to county wide assessment and it does not appear it will be implemented as it was originally proposed. Romportl will continue to monitor this proposal.

2010 – 2015 Wisconsin Land Information Program Plan

Romportl reported that the County needs to revise its Wisconsin Land Information Program Plan by July. We will be seeking input from the towns and private entities to address future issues and plans affecting our land records and have a plan ready to review by the Committee in May.

Request for purchasing strip of land adjoining Branham Road, Three Lakes, Sec. 29, T38N, R11E.

Romportl gave an update on Jim Martin's request to purchase the strip adjoining Branham Road. Martin's attorney provided the County with a report of where the town road ends based on soil borings. Desmond will review the findings with Romportl and he will bring it back to the next meeting with recommendation on how to proceed.

Omitted lands survey in Section 14, Township 35 North, Range 11 East.

Romportl informed the committee that he received a letter from a landowner asking that we contact the Federal Government, Bureau of Land Management about a possible resurvey of lands that were omitted from the original government survey in the 1860's in Section 14, Township 35 North, Range 11 East around Lucille Lake. There is a process the Bureau follows in evaluating these situations and will issue a determination if they have any title interest in the property. Romportl indicated the last time he remembers the Bureau surveyors were in the County in a similar situation was in 1982 around Netties Lake in the Town of Pine Lake, and in that case the Bureau surveyed it, claimed ownership of the land and later sold it. The County also needs this resolved in order to correct the assessment acreage for the property.

Motion/Thompson/Wolk directing Romportl to send a letter to the landowner that we would assist them in the process to determine if a resurvey is necessary and making it clear there is a possibility the land may be federal lands. Romportl is also to write a letter to the Bureau of Land Management explaining the situation requesting a review of the situation and recommendations on how to proceed. The letters should be approved by Corporation Counsel before sending them out. All ayes.

Review/Act on monthly bills, line item transfers, purchase orders, budget surveys/report and non-budgetary item requests: a. Register of Deeds b. Land Information

Motion/Paszak/Wolk to approve the Register of Deeds bills and line item transfer as presented. All ayes.

Motion/Wolk/Thompson to approve the Land Information Office bills and line item transfer as presented. All ayes.

Public Comment/Communications.

Tubbs added that he appreciates the opportunity to attend the Land Records Meetings. He has learned a lot.

Discuss/Act on date of next meeting and items for agenda.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Register of Deeds and Land Information Office tours.

This agenda item was postponed to another meeting, to be determined.

Adjourn: Motion/Wolk/Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. All ayes.

Gary Baier
Chairperson

Michael J. Romportl
Staff Chairperson