

# Monroe County Land Information Council

## Minutes

COMMITTEE: **Land Information Council**  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: Monroe County Board Assembly Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor-Room #1200, 112 S Court St, Sparta, WI 54656  
DATE: **Tuesday, April 18th, 2023**

PRESENT: Jeremiah Erickson, James Kuhn, Gary Dechant until 2:30PM, Rick Folkedahl, Deb Brandt, Brannick Beatse, Trent Ziegler until 2:45PM, Pat Deethardt, Roxie Anderson, Debbie Carney at 1:30 PM.

1. Call to order/Roll call at 1:00 PM
2. **Jim Kuhn made a motion to approve the December 13, 2022 Minutes, second by Trent Ziegler, all in favor motion carried, 9-0.**
3. Member updates:
  - a. Rick Folkedahl (IT): The office working with Schneider Geospatial and waiting for answers related to security before they are able to access our data.
  - b. Roxie Anderson (Land Conservation): The department will have interns this summer, Flood Monitoring Stations registered and reporting. Data Dashboard Training has occurred for people interested in viewing the data.
  - c. Deb Brandt (ROD): The newspaper ran an article about real estate sales was in the paper they plan on periodically having more of those articles. They have a new deputy, Denise Anderson, right now averaging about 19 documents per day rather than 30 per day. They are now fully indexed back to 1986.
  - d. Gary Dechant (Surveyor): The amount of surveys going across his desk has decreased lately. Chris Running has started on the Section Corner project. Gary believes that by the end of the year almost all target corners between the contract work that Chris Running is doing, and the work that he is doing as surveyor, at the end of the year almost all corners needed will have been acquired.
  - e. Pat Deethardt (Dispatch/Public Safety): Anticipate near the end of the year that we will try to go live with NG911. They did get grants for equipment.
  - f. Brannick Beatse (RPL): Assessment rolls are all coming in at once. 2 Weeks behind in transfers.
  - g. Jeremiah Erickson (LIO): have been working on forecasting future expenses. Discussing the new aerial photography project to take place in 2024. Talked with Schneider Geospatial about new webpage, working on re-integrating our parcels with new section corners. Recently completed the land information expenses audit.
  - h. Debbie Carney (treasurer): would like to scan the old tax rolls. Avoid going up and downstairs to get them and scan them from the basement.
4. Discussion on the preliminary Retained Fee Grant Report for 2022. Final copy will be provided at next meeting. No anticipated changes. A lot of funds that were expected to be expended in 2022 will actually be spent in 2023.
5. Some background on the transition from Applied Data Consultants (ADC) to Schneider Geospatial. ADC contacted us in January and indicated that they are no longer going to be in the GIS website business. They transitioned into a logistics firm. They looked for other providers that they felt would complement us well and provide the same level of service and suggested we consider Schneider Geospatial. They put us in touch with Schneider. There was a level of familiarity from a few years ago when they gave a site demo of their product called Beacon. I was impressed back then with what they offered. Our new site will have all of the old functionality and new functions as well. No specific timetable for the new website. Our old site will run until the new one is ready.
6. Discussion of what costs would be if we proceeded with a 6" flight versus a 3" flight. Fort McCoy is getting 2" & 3" imagery and the two cities are interested in 3" imagery as well.
7. The NG911 project should proceed late in the year. Not sure when other grant opportunities may be out but last year the money for GIS grants had strings attached and timing was poor when state offered grants.
8. Section corner project is just getting rolling. Chris Running has submitted two tie sheets and that is all at this time and they are preliminary.

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9. Register of deeds office would like to do more back scanning. At a minimum doing the rest of the deeds and doing tax deed and perhaps wills. Quotes were shared.
10. Future of Land information office and its expenses were discussed. The amount of recordings is down and that hurts us. Until interest rates drop the numbers of documents recorded overall is likely to remain low. We have been at the lowest monthly recording numbers in 6 of the last 8 months. The other two months were second lowest ever. There are some preliminary discussions about increasing the transfer fee to alleviate some of the shortfall but that is going to take time and legislation. Furthermore a discussion about putting the land information office position on the levy or at least partially will take place.
11. New/Old business
  - a. Next meeting is likely going to be Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.
12. **Motion to adjourn Debbie Carney, Jim Kuhn Second, motion passed, unanimous, 3:10 PM.**

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