

# Monroe County Land Information Council

## Minutes

COMMITTEE: **Land Information Council**  
TIME: 10:30 AM  
PLACE: Monroe County Board Assembly Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor-Room #1200, 112 S Court St, Sparta, WI 54656  
DATE: **Tuesday, June 27th, 2023**

PRESENT: Jeremiah Erickson, James Kuhn, Gary Dechant, Rick Folkedahl, Deb Brandt, Brannick Beatse, Trent Ziegler, Pat Deethardt, Roxie Anderson, Debbie Carney, Dirk Lueck.

1. Call to order/Roll call at 10:31 AM
2. **Jim Kuhn made a motion to approve the April 18th, 2023 Minutes, second by Rick Folkedahl, all in favor motion carried, 10-0.**
3. Member updates:
  - a. Rick Folkedahl (IT): The office worked with Schneider Geospatial on getting ETL working. Also sped up the Land Information internet connection by troubleshooting.
  - b. Roxie Anderson (Land Conservation): Intern Dirk Lueck is there and is working on maps and will head out to do some fieldwork later this summer. A second intern is working on stream crossing data. The stream flow monitoring/weather stations were recently maintained.
  - c. Gary Dechant (Surveyor): The amount of surveys going across his desk have decreased by about a third compared to last year. Gary and Al Hoff have been working on getting the remaining coordinates in the North half of the county and expect to complete that work by the end of the year.
  - d. Debbie Carney (Treasurer): Postponed taxes reminders went out. July 6<sup>th</sup> in rem foreclosure proceedings to occur. Approximately 80 properties.
  - e. Pat Deethardt (Dispatch/Public Safety): Still plan on wrapping up next gen 911 implementation by year's end. Trying to troubleshoot some issues with Central Square. Will get bike trail tunnels added.
  - f. Brannick Beatse (RPL): 50% of Board of Reviews are complete. Up to date on transfers.
  - g. Trent Ziegler (Realtor) Noted that housing stock is low, prices are still up, but sales are down. Interest rates and inflation continue to drive the market. He doesn't anticipate changes until interest rates drop and that will not happen for a while.
  - h. Deb Brandt (ROD): Averaging about 21 recordings per day this year, down from 30 per day. Down 38% so far this year. They are now fully indexed back to 1984. Daniels Law article was shared and overview discussed.
  - i. Jeremiah Erickson (LIO): Have recently been reviewing the beta version of our Schneider Geospatial webpage. Also have been re-integrating our parcels with the new section corners and working on some NG911 data as well. Continuing to analyze budget and forecast future expenses leading up to this year's budget.
4. Shared the Monroe County Retained Fee Grant Report for 2022.
5. Update on the transition from the Applied Data Consultant website to the Schneider Geospatial Beacon site. The demo site for the Schneider Geospatial Beacon website product is now live. Jeremiah has been reviewing and comparing out existing site with that one. All of the functionality of the old site is supposed to be incorporated into the new one. A comparison is also being made with Winona and Houston County Minnesota as well as Winneshiek County in Iowa comparing functionality. A lot of updates have occurred in the last few days. The tentative go live date is later in July and at our next meeting I can hopefully give a full demo of the new product.
6. Section Corner project update. Chris Running indicated that he had a number of corners complete but has yet to turn them in the last time I spoke to him. Will have an update by the next meeting.
7. Next Generation 911 project should still proceed later this year. A total of \$6 million dollars have been allocated for future NG911 grants. 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. Update regarding the 2024 orthoimagery/lidar project. We are planning on going forward with a 6" flight versus a 3" flight because it doesn't appear that we can afford it, even if the difference is not going to be all that much. Fort McCoy is interested and plans to acquire 2" & 3" imagery as well as lidar but cannot official commit as of yet. The two cities are again interested in 3" imagery and have indicated they plan to participate again as well.

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9. An update was provided on recordings and their impact on retained fees. Until interest rates drop we will not see any dramatic increases in recordings. Hopefully we have bottomed out on recordings at this point. It will likely remain steady for a number of years. The longer that interest rates stay flat or increase the worse and more severe the long term impact will be on office grant funding. If we proceed with 6-inch imagery I believe we can also do a partial scan project for the register of deeds office. I believe that we can balance our budget out by reduced projects in 2024. However, we will definitely have funding issues for 2025 if there are no actions to supplement funding via the County Tax Levy. This barring new grant funds or revenues saving the day. I am going to request at least partial levy funding as it will help the office substantially over the next two years.
10. Register of Deeds scanning project. Deb Brandt will get updated numbers for a new project based on options to do the deeds only as well as all of the remaining documents. We need to put out an RFP for the scanning project but will use new quote numbers for the basis of the Land Information office budget requests.
11. New/Old business
  - a. 2022 WLIP Grant Application Amendment will be an action item.
  - b. Land Information Office Budget will be an action item.
  - c. Next meeting is planned to take place Tuesday August 1st at 12:30 PM.
12. **Motion to adjourn Deb Brandt, Debbie Carney Second, motion passed, unanimous, 11:56 AM.**

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