

Minutes of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting
Of June 18, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.
Bayfield County Board Room, Courthouse, Washburn, Wisconsin

The monthly meeting of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kacvinsky at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by Bayfield County Clerk, Scott Fibert as follows: Blahnik-present; Kacvinsky-present; Beeksma-present; Williams-present; Bichanich-present; Miller-absent; Crandall-present; Rondeau-absent; Good-present; Gordon-present; Jardine-absent; Maki-present; Kittleson-present. Total 13: 10 present, 3 absent. Others present were: County Administrator, Mark Abeles-Allison; County Clerk, Scott Fibert; Deputy County Clerk, Dawn M. Bellile; Chris Johnson, Veteran's Service Officer; Karl Kastrosky, Zoning Administrator; Scott Galetka, Land Records Administrator; Jan Victorson, Emergency Management Coordinator; Rick Olivo, Reporter for the Daily Press; and Bayfield county citizens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

1. Motion Regarding Minutes of May 15, 2008 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting. *A motion was made by Gordon/Bichanich to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2008 Bayfield county Board of Supervisors' Meeting. The motion carried.*

2. Public Comment: Chairman Kacvinsky informed everyone at this evening's meeting, that anyone who wished to speak would be limited to 3 minutes. He also stated to the Board that Dave Thomas had called earlier this month to be placed on the agenda concerning the Agricultural Station Land Use Plan. We will be allowing Mr. Thomas additional time for speaking.

Dave Thomas, Town of Eileen. Thomas explained to the Board that a resolution (which he passed out to the Board for their review) was passed by the City of Ashland and Town of Eileen, and is currently being looked at by the Cities of Bayfield and Washburn for passage. Ashland Mayor Monroe expressed his strong support of the resolution through Thomas. Thomas then read the resolution to the Board. *(A copy of the resolution is on file in the County Clerk's office).* Thomas went on to outline his own reasons why this should be passed; it makes good business and community sense and the public wants to keep it agricultural. He further stated that \$12,000 has been raised to hopefully be able to contract with the County Board to create a Section 501(c)3. This would also allow us to write grants to hopefully build greenhouses and use geothermal for heating, wind generators, and to hopefully be a demonstration project for other areas. This will help with our local food system.

Boyd Carlson, Woodland Road, Ashland, read a letter by a well renowned author in St. Paul regarding government funding agricultural research.

Grace Armstrong, read a letter to the Board she had written in favor of keeping the agricultural station land for farming and raising gardens.

Chris Duke, spoke concerning our local and regional production as prices are rising. Being able to raise our own vegetables to stay in our area would be a plus. Please consider this in your decision.

Jason Fischbach - UW-Extension Agricultural Agent. Fischbach stated the question before the Board is whether to approve the land use plan or not. If the plan is approved, what's next? He has been involved with the process and planning of the Ag Station since July 21, 2005. The public has stated they want and need agriculture. Fischbach spoke about pros and cons of leaving the property as agricultural, challenges that face farmers in Bayfield County, and the alternatives that are out there for future use. He outlined processes that could be utilized.

Ken Raspotnik, Town of Eileen; Once UW-Extension vacated the building they simply gave up on the people of the area. Just because the University gave up but that doesn't mean the farmers have quit. There are new and better ways which could be utilized through the ag land. He encouraged the Board to support the resolution that was presented by Dave Thomas.

Boyd Carlson, spoke on the survey which appeared in today's paper. The survey supports the resolution. Although small, it was quite pronounced as to what the people want and your constituents are important in what they think and he would encourage the Board to make no decision until they have received more input on what the public is trying to tell us.

Tom Galazen, Town of Bayfield; He informed the Board that he farms in the Town of Bayfield but is here to support the continuation of public ownership of extension lands and utilizing them for agricultural purposes. He has attended many meetings that have been held at the Experimental Farm over the years and the building has been and could continue to be an informational site for people in our area. We need to keep it agricultural with public ownership.

Andrew Breuning, Bayfield County, asked that the Board keep the Ag Station completely focused for the public.

O'Donnel, Bayfield County, stated that he works in Bayfield and asked that the Board keep the Ag Station publicly accessible and agricultural.

Sarah Brande from Ashland stated she was present to give her support to keep the land agricultural.

Chairman Kacvinsky asked 3 more times if there was public comment, there being none, public comment was closed.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Agricultural Station Land Use Plan.

Abeles-Allison spoke from the diagram passed out to everyone regarding the proposed land use plan. The Town of Eileen is in agreement with this as well as the two Agricultural Station Committees. Discussion took place, and the Board suspended the rules to allow Tony Johanik from the Town of Eileen to speak. Johanik stated that it was almost a unanimous vote from the Town of Eileen to approve the land use plan. The Town Board is in favor as it is set up.

Abeles-Allison spoke again stating that one of the first tasks of action was to work on the land use plan. After plan is adopted, we need to decide where we want to go with this, how we are going to solicit proposals and evaluate them.

Karl Kastrosky, Zoning Administrator, was present to speak this evening to offer a recap of what has taken place up to this point. He stated that there never was a plan for the Agricultural Station because it is agricultural land. The plan gives direction and guidance, nothing physically has changed nor will it change, but we will now have guidance.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning what the people have stated that they want and it is our job to listen to the people. Discussion took place on how rezones would take place. Because the property is in Bayfield County, all rezones take place by going to the Zoning Committee and then the full County Board would hear the rezone petition and make a final determination.

Town of Eileen has made it part of their land use plan, which states what the land in question should be used to. It was again reiterated that this is a land use plan. We are not changing the zoning. This is a modification to the current Bayfield County Land Use Plan.

Discussion took place on the area that was marked "for sale" on the map. It was stated that that was an error and that we are not selling any land. Further clarification was asked of Kastrosky regarding the conservancy area. This language is found in the Bayfield County Code of Ordinances.

Discussion on the resolution presented by Dave Thomas - it cannot be acted upon this evening as it is not on the agenda, however, it was felt that it should be referred to the ad-hoc committee.

After more discussion on all topics, *a motion was made by Good/Beeksma to adopt the Land Use Plan as recommended for uses as presented with the change that the words "for sale" be stricken from the plan.* Discussion on the zoning. *A roll call vote was taken as follows: Kacvinsky-yes; Beeksma-yes; Williams-yes; Bichanich-yes; Miller-absent; Crandall-no; Rondeau-absent; Good-yes; Gordon-no; Jardine-absent; Maki-no; Kittleson-no; Blahnik-yes. Total: 13, 6 yes, 4 no, 3 absent. The motion carried.*

Abeles-Allison stated that this recommendation should be made to the ad-hoc committee.

A letter was received from Maple Hill Farm for the Board to review. *A motion was made by Gordon/Good to receive and place on file the letter from Maple Hill Farm. The motion carried.*

Discussion took place on the resolution as presented by Dave Thomas. It was stated that it should come from the Ag Station Ad-Hoc Committee and brought to the County Board.

The Board recessed at 7:15 for a 15-minute break.

4. Presentation of Veteran's Office Annual Report. Chris Johnson, Veteran's Service Office gave a short video presentation. Johnson gave a copy of his report for the Board to review which outlined what the Veteran's Service Office has participated in over the year. Johnson stated one of the major duties of his office is to welcome a veteran home from their duty, no matter what war they served in. *(A copy of the report is on file in the County Clerk's office).* Johnson also stated that Wisconsin counties have collected over \$400.00 towards the High Ground Project United in Service Wisconsin Counties. There are still a few counties that have not participated in this project, including Bayfield County. A brief discussion took place on this and the Board instructed Johnson to talk with Abeles-Allison to make sure that the funding is found to make sure Bayfield County is a part of this project.

Johnson thanked the Board for allowing him time to speak and the Board in return thanked Chris for his hard work. It was agreed to take \$150.00 (Bayfield County's share) from the contingency fund to contribute towards the High Ground Project United in Service Wisconsin Counties. This monument is located in Neillsville.

A motion was made by Blahnik/Good to receive and place on file the Veteran's Office Annual Report. The motion carried.

5. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-21, Bayfield County Fire Association Dry Hydrant Project. Jan Victorson, Emergency Management Coordinator, was present to answer any questions the Board may have for her. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes that structural and wild fire present a potential threat to the citizens of Bayfield County; and

WHEREAS, access to water in the rural areas is an essential component to fire suppression capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Fire Association has been awarded a reimbursement grant through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program that will provide 50% of the funding to install water points or dry hydrants in jurisdictions throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Fire Association has been in contact with jurisdictions willing to fund 50% of the costs associated with installation of dry hydrants in their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Fire Association must fund 100% of the installation costs in order to receive the 50% reimbursement for the grant project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 24th day of June, 2008, provide a short-term loan of \$10,000 to the Bayfield County Fire and Emergency Association with the understanding that the loan will be repaid by the Association upon completion of the dry hydrant project and receipt of the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant reimbursement funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2008 Emergency Management budget be adjusted to include a \$10,000 expenditure line item of 100-18-52203-50250 and a revenue account of 100-18-43214.

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A motion was made by Gordon/Crandall to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-21, Bayfield County Fire Association Dry Hydrant Project. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Beeksma-yes; Williams-yes; Bichanich-yes; Miller-absent; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-absent; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-absent; Maki-yes; Kittleson-yes; Blahnik-yes; Kacvinsky-yes. Total: 13, 10 yes, 0 no, 3 absent. The motion carried.

6. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-22, Request to Amend 2008 Land Records Department Budget for Receipt of Coastal Management Grant. Scott Galetka, Land Records Administrator, was present and spoke to the Board regarding this resolution. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Land Records Department has been awarded a Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant in the amount of 87,016 for acquisition of elevation data; and

WHEREAS, the Land Records department has gained partners in the amount of \$40,955 bringing the total to \$127,971; and

WHEREAS, by partnering with adjoining municipalities decreased the cost per square mile; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 18th day of June, 2008 amends the Land Records budget revenue account

#100-13-43586, #100-13-46920, #100-13-47180 and #100-13-47382 by \$127,971 and the 2008 expense account #100-13-56310 by \$127,971.

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A motion was made by Good/Gordon to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-022. Discussion took place on what the map will be used for and Galetka explained that it is for topography and that our newest map is from approximately 1972. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Williams-yes; Bichanich-yes; Miller-absent; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-absent; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-absent; Maki-no; Kittleson-yes; Blahnik-yes; Kacvinsky-yes; Beeksma-yes. Total: 13, 9 yes, 1 no, 3 absent. The motion carried.

7. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-023, Supporting an Application for Funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation TEA Grant Program. Chairman announced that he would be abstaining from discussion and/or voting on this matter. Abeles-Allison explained the resolution. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has invested significant time, energy, and funds into economic development efforts in the county;

WHEREAS, World Class Precision Manufacturing has established Bayfield County's only manufacturing operation in Bayfield;

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has worked cooperatively with Impact Seven, the Town of Bayfield, and World Class Manufacturing to facilitate the establishment of this business within the county;

WHEREAS, sufficient roadbed does not currently exist to support the continuous access and durability to sustain the ongoing truck traffic to and from the business on a year-round basis;

WHEREAS, Bayfield County supports an application for funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation TEA Grant program to facilitate the necessary upgrade to that section of County Highway J and town access road to the World Class precision Manufacturing facility;

WHEREAS, the TEA Grant requires a 50% local match;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 18th day of June, 2008, do hereby support an application to the

Wisconsin Department of Transportation for funding through the TEA Grant Program to facilitate the upgrade of a portion of County Highway J and the Town of Bayfield access road to the World Class Precision Manufacturing facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County will serve as the grant sponsor and administrator for this project.

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A motion was made by Gordon/Bichanich to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-23, Supporting an Application for Funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation TEA Grant Program. The motion carried.

8. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-024, Request to Amend 2008 County Fair Department Budget for AgStar Fund Grant. The Board dispensed with the reading of this resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Fair Department has been awarded an AgStar County Fair Facility Upgrade Grant from the AgStar Fund for Rural America, the corporate giving program of AgStar Financial Services, in the amount of \$1,720; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to purchase materials for the improvement of the Sheep Pens and the painting of the Dairy, Beef and Draft Horse arenas; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 18th day of June, 2008 amends the County Fair budget revenue account #100-22-48510, and the 2008 expense account #100-22-55461-50350-001 by \$1,720.

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A motion was made by Bichanich/Gordon to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-24, Request to Amend 2008 County Fair Department Budget for AgStar Fund Grant. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Bichanich-yes; Miller-absent; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-absent; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-absent; Maki-yes; Kittleson-yes; Blahnik-yes; Kacvinsky-yes; Beeksma-yes; Williams-yes. Total: 13, 10 yes, 1 no, 3 absent. The motion carried.

9. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-25, Amending Budget for Appropriation of Funds for Industrial Development Purposes for Long Term Care/Managed Care

Operation Headquarters. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS the State of Wisconsin is developing a regional Long Term Care/Managed Care Operation;

WHEREAS Bayfield County is actively pursuing the potential placement of the Headquarters for the regional operation in Bayfield County;

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Legislature, in enacting Section 59.57 of the Wisconsin Statutes, has found and declared the promotion of industrial development to be a public purpose for which public money may be spent and has authorized counties to create industrial development agencies for such purposes; and

WHEREAS Bayfield County has created an Industrial Development Agency;

WHEREAS the provision of up to \$200,000 in financing towards the funding of said headquarters building will promote the public interest by preserving and enhancing the tax base and increasing opportunity for gainful employment in Bayfield County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 18th day of June, 2008, approve that the County's 2008 budget is hereby amended to appropriate up to \$200,000 from the general fund for the purpose of making up to \$200,000 available for economic development to the Industrial Development Agency, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Funding shall be for the purpose of the Agency's assistance with the Long Term Care-Managed Care Operation; to provide funding for a headquarters building in Bayfield County;
2. The terms shall be determined by mutual agreement of Bayfield County and the Agency.

A motion was made by Crandall/Gordon to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-25, Amending Budget for Appropriation of Funds for Industrial Development Purposes for Long Term Care/Managed Care Operation Headquarters. Discussion and Kittleson reported on what took place at their meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Miller-absent; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-absent; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-absent; Maki-yes; Kittleson-yes; Blahnik-yes; Kacvinsky-yes; Beeksma-yes; Williams-yes; Bichanich-yes. Total: 13, 10 yes, 1 no, 3 absent. The motion carried.

10. Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding the Rezone of the Tira Randall Property in the Town of Clover, Bayfield County, Wisconsin.
The Board dispensed with the reading of the Report, which reads as follows:

TO: The County Board of Supervisors of Bayfield County on the hearing of petitions to amend the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning and Zoning Committee of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, having held a public hearing pursuant to Section 59.69(5)(e), Wisconsin Statutes; notice thereof having been given as provided by law; and having been duly informed of the facts pertinent to the following changes; hereby recommends the following action on said petition:

The Zoning of Tira Randall 4.97-acre parcel (ID# 04-014-2-50-07-21-3 02-000-30000) located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$), described as commencing at the Northwest corner of said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, thence running East on the quarter line, 545 feet; thence South 397 feet; thence West 545 feet; thence North 397 feet to the place of beginning, in Section Twenty-One (21), Township Fifty (50) North, Range Seven (7) West, Town of Clover, Bayfield County, Wisconsin **be changed from Industrial (I) to Agricultural-One (Ag-1).**

Date: April 17, 2008

BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

James Beeksma, Harold A. Maki, Kenneth Jardine, Brett T. Rondeau

A motion was made by Maki/Williams to receive and place on file the Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding the Tira Randall Property in the Town of Clover, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The motion carried.

11. Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2008-06, Regarding the Tira Randall Property in the Town of Clover, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Amendatory Ordinance, which reads as follows:

The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:

That the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance, adopted June 1, 1976, be and the same, is hereby amended as follows:

The Zoning of Tira Randall 4.97-acre parcel (ID# 04-014-2-50-07-21-3 02-000-30000) located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$), described as commencing at the Northwest corner of said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, thence running East on the quarter line, 545 feet; thence South 397 feet; thence West 545 feet; thence North 397 feet to the place of beginning, in Section Twenty-One (21), Township Fifty (50) North, Range Seven (7) West, Town of Clover, Bayfield County, Wisconsin **is changed from Industrial (I) to Agricultural-One (Ag-1).**

Dated: June 18, 2008

A motion was made by Maki/Williams to adopt Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2008-06 Regarding the Tira Randall Property in the Town of Clover, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. Discussion took place and the motion carried.

12. Reappointment of Phil Lupa, Lee Wiesner, and Randy Matis to the Board of Adjustment for 3-year terms, July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2011. Chairman Kacvinsky explained to the Board that he was presenting the names of Phil Lupa, Lee Wiesner and Randy Matis to them for reappointment, each for a term of three years. *A motion was made by Blahnik/Crandall to reappoint Phil Lupa, Lee Wiesner, and Randy Matis to the Board of Adjustment for 3-year terms, July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2011. The motion carried.*

13. Administrator's Report:

- a) We will be back on schedule and have the regular monthly County Board meeting on July 29th at 6:00 p.m.
- b) We are beginning the 2009 budget process and have received requests from libraries that are relatively modest. Discussion on having an accountability record from those libraries outside of Bayfield County as to where the use is coming from. Further discussion took place on how the Merlin System keeps track of this very thoroughly.
- c) Discussion on fuel prices. A suggestion was made to send a letter to our elected officials in office every week, protesting the fuel prices and asking them to do something about it. Further discussion took place.
- d) Our first budget planning meeting was held last month. The State capped expenditures at 2%. County Board talked about a variety of priorities. Our goal is staying with the 2% cap.
- e) The Courtroom dedication ceremony was very nice and we had a very good turnout.

14. Supervisors' Reports:

a) Another accident took place at the "T-intersection" which was pretty bad, luckily there were no fatalities or serious injuries. Board again stressed, something needs to be done, but no roundabout.

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, *a motion was made by Gordon/Crandall to adjourn. The motion carried* and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Fibert,
Bayfield County Clerk
SSF/dmb