

LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING

June 10, 2009

Oneida County Courthouse  
Committee Room #2 –Second Floor  
Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

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Committee Members	Gary Baier, Chairman	Frank Greb
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. Staff members present were Romportl & Leighton. County Clerk Robert Brusio was also present.

**Approve Agenda/Minutes.**

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

Motion/Greg/Wolk approving the minutes of May 13, 2009. All ayes.

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

Romportl reported on the WLIA meeting held June 4 and 5, 2009. Romportl further noted that he had been asked by the committee Chair to attend the Mining Oversight Committee meetings and recommended that if the committee wishes him to attend that a motion be made to authorize his attendance.

Motion/Thompson/Greb to approve Romportl's attendance at the Mining Oversight Committee meeting and future meetings that he may also be asked to attend. All ayes.

**Opening of June 10, 2009 Tax Delinquent Land Sale bids and discuss/act on bids.**

County Clerk, Robert Brusio reported that four (4) bids had been received in his office by 4:00pm on June 9, 2009.

Motion/Greb/Wolk to close the bid process. All ayes.

Bid marked #1 was opened. The bid is for PE-15-1 in the amount of \$200.00 and was submitted by Randy and Sharon Doughty.

Bid marked #2 was opened. The bid is for LY-419-2 & LY-491-3 in the amount of \$2600.00 and was submitted by David Ohren and Christine Erickson.

Bid marked #3 was opened. The bid is for PE-15-1 in the amount of \$300.00 and was submitted by Jason L. Woller, Bryson L. Woller and Brayden J. Woller.

Bid marked #4 was opened. The bid is for LY-419-2 & LY-491-3 in the amount of \$3211.00 and was submitted by Joseph C. Skittino.

Motion/Greb/Thompson to accept the four bids. All ayes.

Motion Greg/Wolk to award the bids as follows: Bid #4 of \$3211.00 by Skittino for LY 419-2 & LY-419-3 and Bid #3 of \$300.00 by Woller for PE-15-1. All ayes.

**Discuss/Act/Update on tax delinquent properties.**

Romportl stated that the Curtis Lake property on Lynx Lane, MI-2129-1 did not receive a bid and he had no inquiries during this last bid period.

**Discuss/Act on Resolutions for June 10, 2009 tax delinquent bids.**

Romportl recommended the Committee act on the resolutions for the bid properties and recommended that PE-15-1 and LY-491-2 & LY-491-3 be reviewed and approved at this meeting so he can submit both to the County Clerk by June 11, 2009 in order that both resolutions are ready for the June 16<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting since there is not a meeting in July.

Motion/O'Melia/Greb to accept the Resolution for tax parcel PE-15-1 awarding the parcel to Woller and forward to County Board. All ayes.

Motion/Wolk/Thompson to accept the Resolution for tax parcel LY-491-2 & LY-491-3 awarding the parcel to Skittino and forward to County Board. All ayes.

**Discuss/Act on setting minimum bid(s) and sale date for unsold tax delinquent property.**

Romportl recommended the Curtis Lake property on Lynx Lane, MI-2129-1 be offered for sale over the summer. Discussion on cost savings and whether to not advertise the property at this time because of the low interest in this parcel.

Motion/Greb to leave the property in Oneida County's name at this time. There was no second and the motion was withdrawn.

Discussion continued on whether to lower the minimum bid and to extend the time period of the open bid process.

Motion O'Melia/Greb to lower the minimum bid for MI-2129-11 to \$72,000.00 and extend the open bid time until September 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. with bid opening on September 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM. Motion was amended to include publication of classified ads in the Lakeland Times. All ayes.

**Discuss/Act on requests and resolutions to sell unused County owned strips along town roads to adjoining property owners in Section 7, T37N, R7E(Cassian) and Section 29, T38N, R11E(Three Lakes).**

Romportl briefly reviewed the requests to purchase the reserved excess right-of-way and part of the County Code regarding disposal of excess right-of-way. He recommended approval of the resolution to convey those certain strips of land to the adjacent land owners. Denny Thompson reported the Town of Cassian had a meeting Tuesday night (June 9<sup>th</sup>) and indicated the Town is not interested in the strip adjoining Steele Road and Goodnow Road and recommended it be sold to the adjacent land owners who are requesting the land. Discussion continued regarding fees involved with such sales and whether other such areas of reserved right-of-way should be reviewed.

Motion/Thompson/Greb to contact other adjacent land owners regarding the remaining adjacent strip in Section 7, T37N, R7E. Discussion continued, question on motion was called, -0- aye votes, all no, motion failed.

Motion/O'Melia/Wolk to approve the resolution selling the strip of lands in Section 7, T37N, R7E to Bennett for the strips that adjoin their land via Quitclaim Deed in accordance with the fees stated, and to forward resolution to County Board. All ayes.

Motion/Thompson/Greg to approve the resolution selling the strips of lands in Section 7, T37N, R7E to Walton for the strips that adjoin their lands via Quitclaim Deed in accordance with the fees stated and to forward resolution to County Board. All ayes.

Romportl reviewed the request for excess right-of-way in Section 29-T38N-11E in the Three Lakes Township, which involves Branham road and reviewed an email from the Town regarding the strip

Motion/Greb/Thompson to offer the Town of Three Lakes a 33' x 300' strip of excess right-of-way in Section 29, T38N, R11E that would extend from the north line of the forty south for 300 feet. Romportl is to direct a letter to the Town of Three Lakes with regard to the committee's recommendations. All ayes.

**Discuss/Act/Update on Parcel Mapping Project, Contract and Work Orders**

Romportl stated that his goal is to complete the parcel mapping project by the end of July, 2009. MSA is still working on the Minocqua area and there are a few remaining sections that staff is working on in Three Lakes.

**Discuss/Act on Register of Deeds book binding repairs.**

Leighton displayed a ledger book and explained that several of these historical volumes are in need of repair due to broken bindings. He has numerous older books in similar condition that need recovering. The volumes must be kept in good repair because they contain historical records that must be preserved. He has received a bid of \$8490.80 to complete the job in house with a company that has provided this service in the past that does both binding and recovering.

Motion Greb/Thompson to authorize approval of the bid of \$8,490.80 to restore and preserve historical ledger books kept in the Register of Deeds office with funds to come from Register of Deeds fees. All ayes.

**Discuss/Act/Update on Finance Committee program reduction/revenue generating hearings and LRES closed courthouse days.**

Romportl stated that the LIO budget remains the same and noted the possibility of giving up the LTE for tax delinquent lands research but that will impact how soon we can get lands offered for sale.

Leighton stated that the Register of Deeds budget remains the same, he also noted that if document recording changes to a flat fee, then more revenue may generated. LRES has stated that the courthouse will be closed 3 days in order to reduce costs.

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

Motion/Greg/Wolk to approve the Register of Deeds invoices as presented. All ayes.

Motion/O'Melia/Greg to approve the invoices as presented by the Land Information Office. All ayes.

**Public Comment/Communications.**

Arvin Kuntz is present and requests review of county records. He stated problems with old documents and omitted description regarding listing parcels of land in Sections 17 & 18, T39N, R8E adjacent to Pickerel Lake in Newbold Township. He asked to be placed on future agenda.

Motion/Thompson/Wolk to have staff review Mr. Kuntz' documents and to place on future agenda as an item for discussion. All ayes.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn: Motion/Greb/Baier to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. All ayes.

  
Gary Baier  
Chairperson

  
Michael J. Romportl  
Staff Chairperson