

LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
 January 13, 2010  
 Oneida County Courthouse  
 Committee Room #2 –Second Floor  
 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 9:32 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 Thompson. Staff members present were Romportl, Leighton and Potters. Also attending the meeting was Paul Tubbs.

**Approve Agenda/Minutes.**

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

Motion/Paszak/Wolk approving the minutes of December 8, 2009 meeting. All ayes.

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

Romportl informed the committee of the WSLs annual surveyor's institute and the WLIA annual conference that are being held in February.

Motion/Wolk/O'Melia approving staff attendance at these conferences. All ayes.

**Update of tax delinquent properties listings and requests to inspect properties.**

Romportl stated that there has been quite a lot of interest in the Curtis Lake property and a fair amount of inquiries on the Balsam Lane property. He asked the committee on how to handle requests to inspect these properties as we have no policy in place for inspections. He checked with other counties and they have not addressed this issue either. Baier stated that if we are selling a property that is very valuable then we may want to have a building inspection done but otherwise the committee thought that the properties should continue to be sold "as is".

**Request and resolution to purchase county owned 100' strips adjacent to Sutton Rd., Minocqua in NE ¼ NE ¼, Section 30, Township 39 North, Range 6 East.**

Romportl reported that he received a request to purchase part of the 100' strips adjacent to Sutton Rd. There are three landowners abutting this road in the NE1/4 of the NE ¼. They put in one request with a check for \$500.00 for the administration fee. Romportl provided the committee with a copy of the proposed resolution to sell part of the 100' strips.

Motion/Wolk/Paszak approving the resolution as presented and forward it on to County Board for their consideration. All ayes.

**Update on process for researching and listing county owned 100' strips.**

Romportl explained how the 100' road right-of-way strips were retained by the County when they sold tax delinquent lands in the 1930's – 1950's. He explained the County never tracked these strips separately on the tax roll and the only way to find them is a search in Register of Deeds which is very time consuming. Romportl indicated that as time permits, his department will continue to search the records of the Register of Deeds to find out where these strips are located. The County will then put in the brief legal of all the tax listings that are affected, "Possibly subject to County owned 100' strip" to alert landowners and title companies of the known locations.

**Request to donate land to Oneida County in GL 5, Section 4, Township 36 North, Range 10 East.**

Romportl informed the committee that he received a letter from a landowner to donate an unimproved private easement road which gives access to the south end of Fifth Lake in Pelican to the County. Romportl recommended that we pass this offer on to the Town of Pelican as they may want a public access on the south end of the lake.

Motion/Paszak/Wolk directing Romportl to send a letter to the Town of Pelican for their consideration of this offer with a copy going to the landowner. All ayes.

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

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

Motion/Baier/Paszak to approve the line item transfer as presented by the Register of Deeds. All ayes.

Motion/Wolk/Paszak to approve the Land Information Office bills as presented. All ayes.

Motion/O'Melia/Wolk to approve the line item transfer as presented by the Land Information Office. All ayes.

**Public Comment/Communications.**

Tubbs had a question on the 100' County owned strips. He also thought it was a good idea to offer the private easement road to the Town of Pelican as it would be beneficial to have a public access on the south end of Fifth Lake.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Adjourn:** Motion/O'Melia/Paszak to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. All ayes.

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Gary Baier  
Chairperson

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Michael J. Romportl  
Staff Chairperson