

<b>LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING</b> March 9, 2021 Oneida County Courthouse Second Floor – Committee Room 2 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501		
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Committee Members	Bill Liebert	Sonny Paszak
Mike Timmons	Greg Pence	Greg Oettinger

**Call to Order.**

Chairman Paszak called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in accordance with the Open Meeting Law noting that the meeting notice was properly posted and the location is handicap accessible. All committee members were present. Mike Fugle was in attendance.

**Public comments.**

There were no comments from the public.

**Approve agenda for today’s meeting.**

Motion/Timmons/Oettinger to approve today’s amended agenda. All ayes.

**Approve minutes of Land Records February 9, 2021 meeting.**

Motion/Pence/Oettinger to approve minutes of the February 9, 2021. All ayes.

**Monthly bills, line item transfers, purchase orders, monthly budget summary, non-budgetary item requests, and vouchers.**

Romportl reviewed monthly bills and expenses for the Register of Deeds.  
Motion/Timmons/Pence to approve monthly bills, expenses and vouchers, as presented by the Register of Deeds. All ayes.  
 Romportl reviewed monthly bills, expenses and line item transfers for the Land Information Office.  
Motion/Timmons/Pence to approve monthly bills, expenses, vouchers and line item transfers, as presented by the Land Information Office. All ayes.

**Staff member’s attendance at land-related meetings/seminars.**

Romportl reviewed attendance at the Wisconsin Land Information Association, which was attended virtually by both LIO and ROD staff members. Franson virtually attended the Register of Deeds Association meeting.

**Real Property, Tax & Permit application software implementation by Transcendent Technologies status.**

Romportl reported that the settlements have been completed by the Treasurer with all the towns. We have now gone through one full tax cycle. The next step will be the permitting application, but will not be completed before the building season starts.

**Update on Land Information Aide and Deputy 1 Register of Deeds part time vacancies.**

Paszak reviewed that the position was reviewed and approved by the LRES Committee. Romportl updated that it will be a 50/50 position shared between LIO and ROD offices.

**Update of Geographic Name Proposal, to request name or change the name of the following lakes, rivers or creeks:**

- Name a 2.9 acre unnamed lake to King George Lake; located in Section 31, T39N-R10E, Town of Sugar Camp, as submitted by the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council.
- Change the names of Squaw Lake & Squaw Creek to Ikwe Lake and Ikwe Creek. Squaw Lake located in Section 33, T40N-R4E and Sections 4, 8, 9, 16, 17, T39N-R4E. Squaw Creek located in Sections 36, T40N-R3E and Section 30, T39N-R4E
- Correct the spelling of Wickham Lake, Section 19, T35N-R9E

Romportl supplied handouts of the Oneida County ordinance and Wisconsin State statutes. He reviewed the email sent to the DNR on January 18<sup>th</sup> stating that the County cannot act on the proposals and requested the State postpone action until compliance with the Oneida County Ordinance, Chapter 24, had been followed. To date, no applications or fees have been received for the three proposals.  
 King George Lake applicant called Romportl, stating they were not aware of the ordinance procedures, but County has not received any application fee.  
 Wickham was simply a typo, which was mentioned in the previous correspondence sent to the DNR.

Squaw Lake caused the most concern, but no correspondence has been received from the applicant. Romportl did receive correspondence from the State / Maxwell Gruenberg on February 18<sup>th</sup>, stating that the recommendation from Oneida County was to be returned by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and that the Lac du Flambeau Tribe has amended their application to change the name of Squaw Lake and Squaw Creek to Amber Lake and Amber Creek, after discussions between the Tribe and Lake Association. The Town of Minocqua understands the Lake Association and Tribe is working on this but has not received any official correspondence from them and hopes it goes through the County process first.

Fugle reviewed Chapter 23.25 (1C) of the Wisconsin State Statute, and stated that the committee has three options: 1. Do nothing and see what happens, which may mean the State may move forward with the name change - 2. Recommend to County Board to waive the Oneida County ordinance, Ch 24, and approve the name change - 3. Take the recommendation to the County Board and ask for a denial, then tell the Geographic Name Council they must go through the correct process to receive approval from the committee and forward to the County Board.

Motion/Timmons/Oettinger for Romportl, with guidance from Corporation Counsel, to deny the requests with an attached letter to the Geographic Name Council, stating that the Land Records Committee cannot forward the name change requests to the County Board for approval because there has been no compliance with Chapter 24 of the Oneida County ordinance.

**Setting minimum bids and bid deadline date of tax foreclosed and other county owned properties.**

A summary of the properties were presented. The committee discussed each property and set the minimum bids as follows:

Parcel	Town/City	Address/Rd	Minimum Bid Amount (*FMV = Fair Market Value)	Notes
EN-728-8	Enterprise	County B	\$3,000 – Offered previously	Reserve access across parcel for recreational/snow mobile trail
LR-38-22	Little Rice	North Lake Rd	\$2,900 – Offered previously	2 vacant parcels split by road

There was discussion about giving preference to an adjoiner for EN-728-8, but the committee decided to not include the preference.

Motion/Timmons/Liebert to set the minimum bid for EN-728-8 as discussed, with bids due June 4 and bid opening date of June 8, 2021. All ayes.

Reconfirming a Motion to set the minimum bid for LR-38-22 as discussed, with bids due June 4 and bid opening date of June 8, 2021. All ayes.

**Request by adjoining landowner(s) listed below to purchase excess county lands adjacent to road(s) and/or reconsider resolution to convey the excess lands:**

Roehl, Hahn Rd, Town of Minocqua, Part of Parcel # MI-1898-1; NW-NE, Section 25, T39N-R5E.

Roehl is a standard request for excess county lands along a road.

Motion/Pence/Oettinger to approve the resolution as presented for Roehl requesting land adjoining Hahn Rd, as presented; to convey road ROW to the Town of Minocqua, and forward to County Board as a consent agenda. All ayes.

**WisDOT Real Estate acquisitions for Project ID: 9261-07-20 Highway 32 in Section 24, Township 38 north, Range 11 East, and consider resolution to grant request.**

Romportl provided a map indicating the area where the designated easements would be and explained the request. He provided easement language from the Oneida County ordinance. The Committee discussed the request and felt the County should not waive the requirements of Chapter 18 of the County Code for easements and the State should follow the County Code.

Motion/Timmons/Paszak for Romportl to send a letter to the WisDOT, and include a copy of Chapter 18 of the Oneida County ordinance, stating they need to follow the ordinance. All ayes.

**Public comments.**

There were no comments from the public.

**Date of next meeting and items for agenda.** The next meeting will be April 13, 2021 at 9:30am

**Adjournment.** Adjourn the meeting at 10:38 A.M.

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Sonny Paszak

Chair Land Records Committee

Michael J. Romportl

Staff Chair