

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
9:00 A.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Peter Boss at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call. Present – 14. Excused – 5. Present: Rathsack, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Tatur, Lieftring, Swoverland, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Fisher, Mai, Willingham, Boss. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield. Excused: Biller, Schmitt, Hanson, Hraban, Platteter.

Brief biography of Walter Johnson read by Chair Boss.

Invocation by David Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Walter Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gierke, second by Knops to approve the minutes from the January 23rd, 2018 & February 6th, 2018 meetings. Motion carried.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

Chair Boss welcomed students from area schools and explained the district breakdown for supervisory districts and introduced each supervisor and stated their district number and using the district map on the screen explained the area they each represent. Rich Summerfield provided a brief history of Rusk County. Wisconsin Counties Association video on counties was viewed. Students from area schools introduced themselves and identified the school they are representing. Chair Boss invited students to take a few minutes to come introduce themselves to their district supervisor.

REPORT

CeCe Tesky, Land Conservation and Development Director gave brief overview of the 2017 annual report which included Land and Water, Land Records and Zoning. Explanation of the camper permits and the effect on the county and townships. Discussion regarding camper permits. A complete copy of the report is available in the clerk's office.

APPOINTMENTS

Forestry Administrator: Motion by Schneider, second by Knops to appoint Jeremy Koslowski as Forestry Administrator. Motion carried by aye vote.

Finance Director: Motion by Gierke, second by Pedersen to appoint Kitzie Nelson as Finance Director. Motion carried by aye vote.

Jeremy Koslowski introduced himself to the supervisors and gave brief overview of experience and looks forward to working for Rusk County. Kitzie Nelson thanked board for the opportunity and looks forward to working with the board for many years to come. Boss informed board that a stakeholder meeting is being planned for March 10th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and it will be a meet and greet session with all the stakeholders in regards to the county forest and have a brief layout of what is going on with the park system and the projects ahead. Rosemary Schmit thanked board for all the years of collaboration and invited them to a short send-off reception at 6:00 p.m. prior to the County Board meeting on March 27th to thank retiring board members.

RESOLUTION #18-4 2018 ATV TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Rusk County is interested in acquiring or developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application; and;

WHEREAS, Financial aid is required to carry out the project; and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Rusk County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project or acquisition; and;

HEREBY AUTHORIZES Jeremy Koslowski, Rusk County Forestry Department to act on behalf of Rusk County to:

- Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;
- Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within 6 months of project completion date;
- Submit signed documents; and
- Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Rusk County Board of Supervisors will comply with state or federal rules for the programs to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Submitted by the Forestry Committee: S/Knops, Schneider, Biller, Boss, Lieftring.

Motion by Lieftring, second by Schneider to adopt. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #18-5 2018 RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES GRANTS

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Submitted by the Forestry Committee: S/Knops, Schneider, Biller, Boss, Lieftring.

Motion by Knops, second by Schneider to adopt. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #18-6 2018 SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

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Submitted by the Forestry Committee: S/Knops, Schneider, Biller, Boss, Lieffring.

Motion by Gierke, second by Swoverland to adopt. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #18-7 2018 COUNTY CONSERVATION MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

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Submitted by the Forestry Committee: S/Knops, Schneider, Biller, Boss, Lieffring.

Motion by Lieffring, second by Knops to adopt. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #18-8 ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER 45 OF THE RUSK COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) FINANCING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, has approved joining the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt an Ordinance to support the PACE program and terms; and

SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Rusk County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Ordinance to Create Chapter 45 of the Rusk County Code of Ordinances – Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing as attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 27th day of February, 2018.

Submitted by County Board Chair: S/Boss.

Motion by Tatur, second by Willingham to adopt. Discussion regarding this being utilized yet, Andy Albarado, Economic Development Director, informed board that this has not been promoted pending passing of this resolution. Motion carried. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Lieffring to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Next meeting March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Loren Beebe, Rusk County Clerk
Danielle Zimmer, Chief Deputy Clerk