

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

COUNTY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2022

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

6:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. MERIDIA EZ-VOTE TRAINING

1. Meridia EZ-Vote Training - Jaclyn Sadler

4. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Dean Gullickson	Chippewa County	District 7 (Chair)	Present	
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2 (Vice-Chair)	Excused	
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3	Present	
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	
James Ericksen	Chippewa County	District 5	Present	
Don Hauser	Chippewa County	District 6	Present	
James Mickelson	Chippewa County	District 8	Present	
Mechele Shipman	Chippewa County	District 9	Excused	
Charlene Kervina	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
David Eisenhuth	Chippewa County	District 11	Present	
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 12	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Absent	
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
Ronald McGill	Chippewa County	District 15	Present	

Others present in room 302 - Brian Kelley, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Andy Bauer, Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Melanie McManus, Dan Masterpole, Todd Pauls, Jim Kowalczyk and Jaclyn Sadler.

Lynda Schweikert was on the phone.

James Ericksen was in attendance as a member of the public until his appointment during the Consent Agenda. After the appointment of James Ericksen as the District 5 County Board Supervisor he took his oath and then his seat with the rest of the board. After the oath he was a participant in the rest of the meeting; including as a voting member on the business items.

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5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
SECONDER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski, Shipman
AWAY:	Ericksen

6. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	James Mickelson, District 8
SECONDER:	Chuck Hull, District 14
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski, Shipman
AWAY:	Ericksen

1. Approval of Minutes

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2. County Administrator Appointment - LCFM Director / County Conservationist

3. County Board Chair Appointment - District 5 Supervisor

4. County Administrator Appointment - Health & Human Services Board

5. 2022 Fire Warden Appointments

8. OATH OF OFFICE

1. 6755 : Oath of Office - District 5

County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler, administered the oath to James Ericksen. James Ericksen took the oath and then sat with the rest of the board.

9. REPORTS

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A. County Administrator Review and Update

1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update - Randy Scholz and Lori Zwiefelhofer
County Administrator, Randy Scholz, provided an update and timeline of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Reminded the County Board of the Special County Board meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.
2. Highway Sustainable Funding Update - Randy Scholz and Brian Kelley
Highway Commissioner, Brian Kelley, presented the report.

B. Department Reports

C. General Reports

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Res. 01 - 22 : Resolution to Approve 2022 Forest Work Plan and Application for Grant Funding - Matt Hansen
County Forester, Matt Hansen, explained the resolution to the County Board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Harold Steele, District 1
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Ericksen, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski, Shipman

2. Res. 02 - 22 : Resolution to Authorize up to 100 Days of Compensation for Committee Meetings - Randy Scholz
County Administrator, Randy Scholz, explained the resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
SECONDER:	Chuck Hull, District 14
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Ericksen, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski, Shipman

3. Res. 03 - 22 : Resolution to Approve Fees for Online Access to Register of Deeds Property Records - Melanie McManus
Melanie McManus, Register of Deeds, explained the resolution to the County Board.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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SECONDER:	Kari Ives, District 12
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Ericksen, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski, Shipman

4. 05 - 21 : Ord. 05-21: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 30 Environment, Article II Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation - Second Reading - Dan Masterpole
Randy Scholz, County Administrator, thanked Dan Masterpole for his 39 years of service to Chippewa County. Dan Masterpole is retiring at the end of January and this was the last County Board meeting as the Director of Land Conservation and Forest Management.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Harold Steele, District 1
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Ericksen, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Hunt
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11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no items for future consideration.

12. ADJOURN

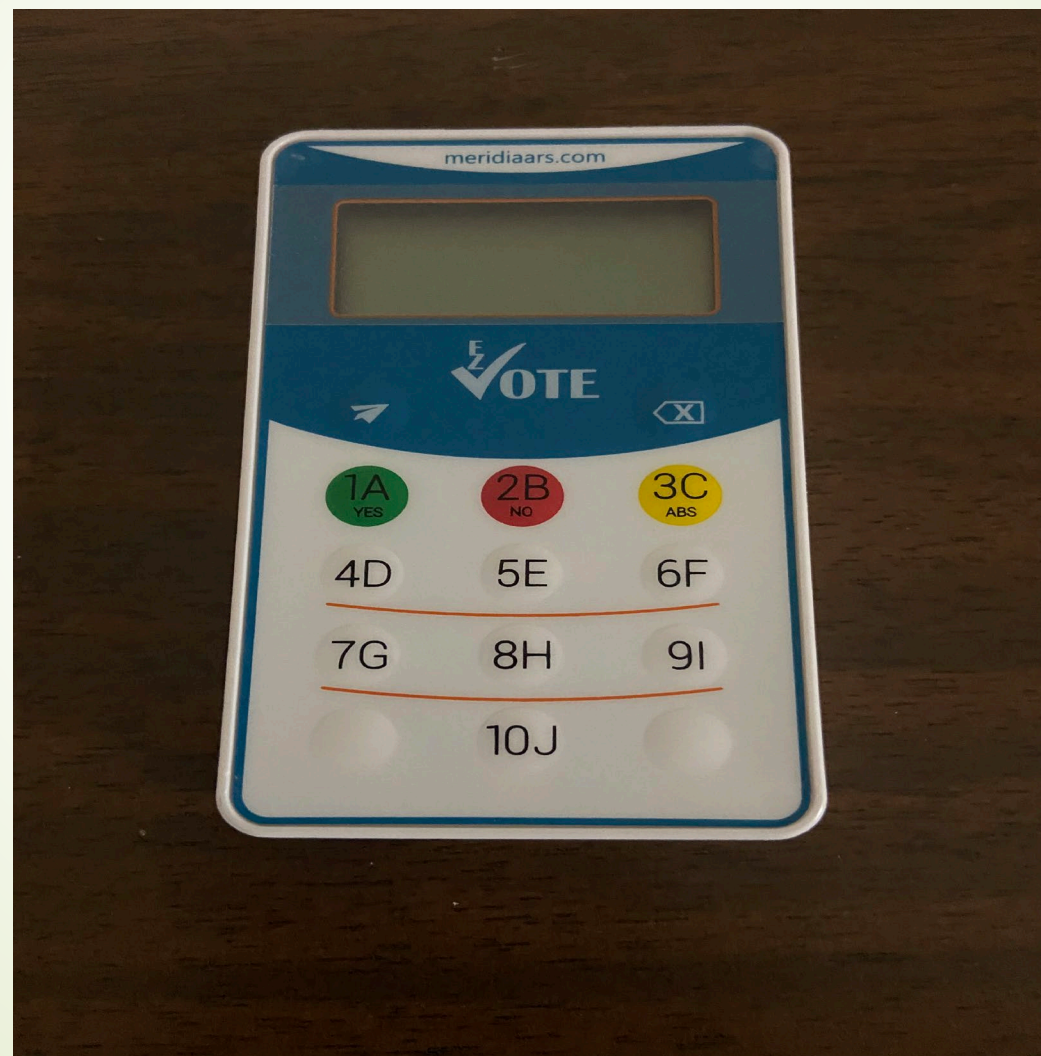
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Meridia EZ-Vote Training



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Jaclyn J. Sadler
County Clerk

The Remote Control



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- 1A/Yes – Green Button
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 - Will also be used as your Request to Speak
- 2B/No – Red Button
- 3C/Abs – Yellow Button

Roll Call

Total : 14

Yes : 14

No : 0

Abs : 0

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Polling Status : Closed

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Glen Sikorski 2	Don Hauser 6	Charlene K... 10	Chuck Hull 14
Ken Schmitt 3	Dean Gullic... 7	David Eise... 11	Ronald McGill 15
Lee McMen... 4	James Mic... 8	Kari Ives 12	

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1/5/2023

Request to Speak

Press 1A/Yes button as your Request to Speak

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Speaking In Favor

Speaking To Oppose

 Ronald McGill
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 David Eisenhuth
Keypad ID: 11

 James Mickelson
Keypad ID: 8

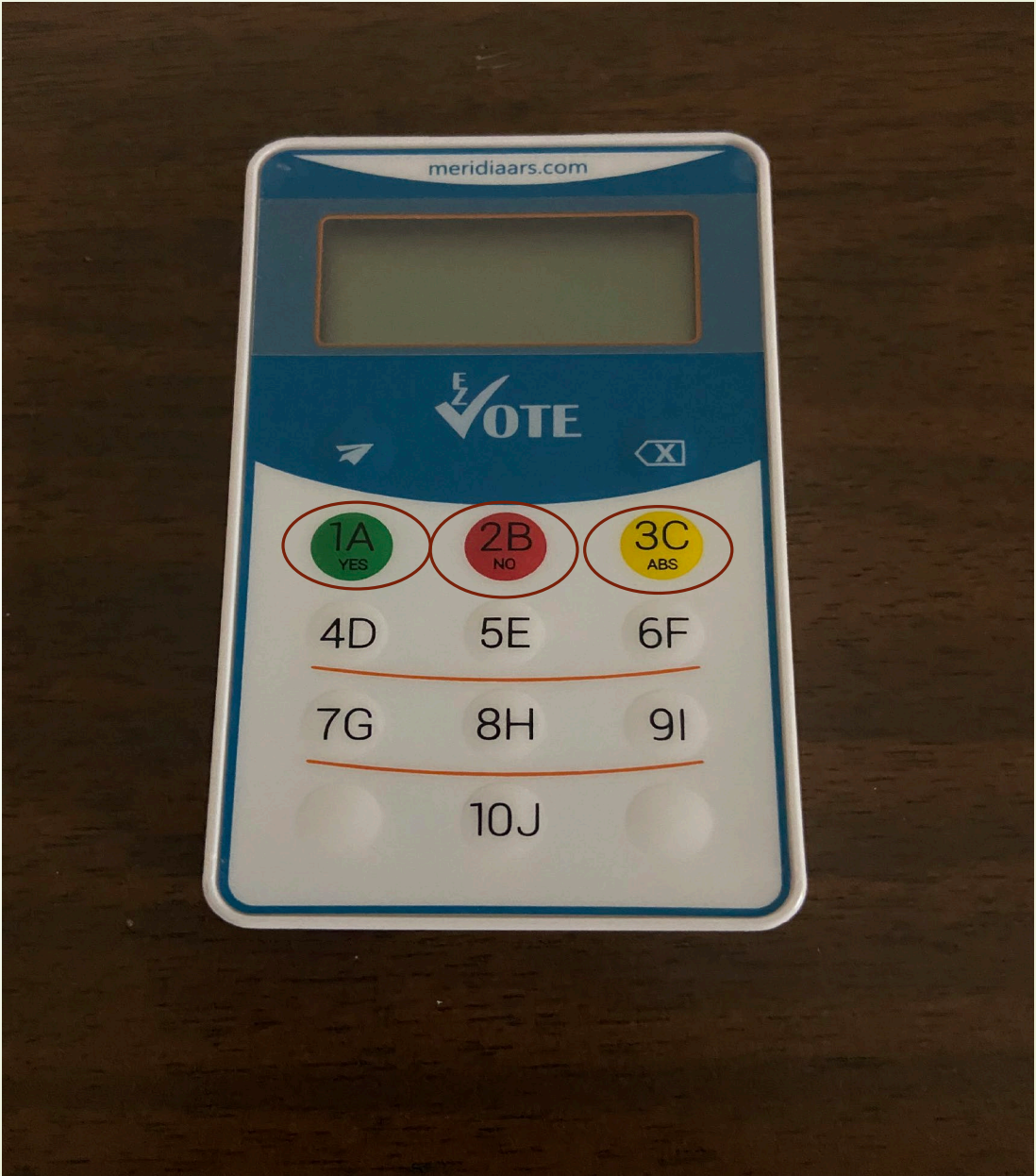
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Resolution

Total
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Yes
No
Abs

Simple Majority (More than 50% needed)

Results Display : Raw Absolute

Poll : None

Polling Status : Open

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Questions?

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Others in attendance in room 302 included Lori Zwiefelhofer, Andy Bauer, Leslie Fijalkiewicz, Doug Clary, Dan Masterpole, Traci Bremness, Todd Pauls, Jaclyn Sadler, Jean Thornton, Brady Thornton and Kyle Thornton

Randy Scholz attended via telephone

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend agenda to move C (General Reports) ahead of the County Administrator Report. Supervisor Thornton's family was present at the meeting.

Motion made by Supervisor Sikorski

Second made by Supervisor Schmitt

All Supervisors present voted yes on the amendment

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SECONDER:	Chuck Hull, District 14
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	McMenamin, Hunt

5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9
SECONDER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	McMenamin, Hunt

1. Approval of Minutes

County Board - Budget - Public Hearing - Nov 4, 2021 6:00 PM

County Board - Regular Meeting - Nov 9, 2021 6:00 PM

- County Administrator Appointment - IFLS Board
- County Administrator Appointment - Housing Authority Commission
- AZO 07 - 21 : 2021-0016 - Ronald & Judith Swoboda - Rezone

7. REPORTS

A. County Administrator Review and Update

- Update on Internal Control Review by Sikich LLC - Randy Scholz
County Administrator, Randy Scholz, introduced the Internal Control Review. A forensic audit was conducted of the County. A forensic audit is a "surprise" to the Central Finance team.

Finance Director, Lori Zwiefelhofer covered the review with the board.

B. Department Reports

- Financial Update - Lori Zwiefelhofer

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Finance Director, Lori Zwiefelhofer, presented the quarterly (pre-audited) financial results, January through September.

2. Live Streaming and Electronic Voting Update - Jaclyn Sadler and Andy Bauer
County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler and IT Director, Andy Bauer provided the board with an update on live streaming switching to youtube and the new electronic voting system.

C. General Reports

1. Recognition of Supervisor Tom Thornton - Dean Gullickson
Chair Gullickson and County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler presented the family of Supervisor Tom Thornton with a certificate of service. Supervisor Thornton's family thanked the board for their kindness on the loss of their husband/father.
2. Update on District 5 County Board Supervisor Vacancy - Dean Gullickson
Chair Gullickson informed the board that two applications were received for the District 5 vacancy.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Res. 51 - 21 : Resolution to Authorize the EDC to Market and Sell County Owned Land
Planning and Zoning Director, Doug Clary, spoke on the resolution; specifically covering the map and location of the land.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
SECONDER:	Don Hauser, District 6
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	McMenamin, Hunt

2. Res. 52 - 21 : Resolution to Host 2024 Farm Technology Days
County Administrator, Randy Scholz, presented the resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kari Ives, District 12
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	McMenamin, Hunt

3. Res. 53 - 21 : Resolution to Approve the ADRC Plan for 2022-2024
ADRC Manager, Leslie Fijalkiewicz, presented the ADRC Plan for 2022 - 2024.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 1
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	McMenamin, Hunt

4. Res. 54 - 21 : Resolution to Approve Opioid Settlement and Agreements
Assistant Corporation Counsel, Jim Sherman, presented the resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
SECONDER:	Charlene Kervina, District 10
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	McMenamin, Hunt

5. Ord. 05 - 21 : Ordinance to Amend Chapter 30 Environment, Article II Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation -
1st Reading
Director of Land Conservation and Forest Management, Dan Masterpole, presented the changes to
Chapter 30.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 1/11/2022 6:00 PM
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9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no items for future consideration.

10. ADJOURN

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Dec 14, 2021 6:00 PM (Consent Agenda)



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - LCFM DIRECTOR / COUNTY
CONSERVATIONIST**

County Administrator Appointment

I, Randy B. Scholz, appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, Lynda Schweikert, as Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Director / County Conservationist. Lynda will begin employment on February 21, 2022.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2022

Randy B. Scholz
County Administrator

Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

January 5, 2022

New Land Conservation & Forest Management Director

I am pleased to announce Lynda Schweikert as the new Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management Director / County Conservationist starting on February 21, 2022.

Lynda Schweikert is currently the Administrator of Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department for Grant County. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Conservation at UW River Falls, with a minor in soils and biology. She started her career with Richland County in 1993 as a Soil Conservation Technician for the Crossman Creek Little Baraboo Watershed and later moved to Grant County in 1998 to work in the Lower Grant River Watershed until 2007 when she was promoted to County Conservationist. In 2013, Grant County combined Zoning and Sanitation with Conservation and named Lynda as the Administrator of the newly created Department.



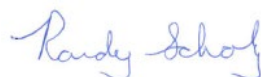
The appointment of Ms. Schweikert is based on her many years of experience in conservation and as a department head in Grant County. She has worked in conservation for over twenty-seven years and has been a department head for the last nine years. Lynda also took over the duties of the Zoning Department while working for Grant County. This shows her ability to take on new challenges and to run a complex department like we have in the Land Conservation & Forest Management Department.

Lynda is not only committed to her work with the County, but with conservation organizations as well. She was instrumental in the development of the Southwest Wisconsin Groundwater and Geology Study (SWIGG), a tri county effort to assess and identify the groundwater issues in the driftless region. She is the County Coordinator for the Southern Area Association of Land Conservation and an active member on the Legislative/Administrative Committee for the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association.

When she is not working on conservation, she spends her free time looking up at the wonders of the night sky. She is a member of the Iowa County Astronomers, the International Dark Sky Association and a Dark Sky Defender for the International Astronomical Union.

Lynda has been an avid protector of the environment both day and night and will be a great addition to the Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management Department.

Please join me in welcoming Lynda to our team.



Randy Scholz
County Administrator



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY BOARD CHAIR APPOINTMENT - DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR**

7.3

County Board Chair Appointment

I, Dean Gullickson, appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, James Ericksen to the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors for District 5, which consists of the Town of Delmar and the City of Stanley. James will fill the seat vacated by Tom Thornton, who passed away on November 23, 2021.

In addition, James Ericksen, will be appointed to the committees listed below to fill the seat vacated by Tom Thornton. The term of office will expire as indicated:

Economic Development Committee

James Ericksen Term expires April 19, 2022
Ron McGill (Vice-Chair) Term expires April 19, 2022

Legal & Law Enforcement Committee

James Ericksen Term expires April 19, 2022

Chippewa Valley Innovation Center (CVIC)

James Ericksen (EDC cross-over member) Term expires April 19, 2022

Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Center Facility

Community Relations Board

James Ericksen Term expires April 19, 2022

Stanley Correctional Institution Community Relations Board

James Ericksen Term expires April 19, 2022

Dated this 11th day of January, 2022.

*Dean Gullickson
County Board Chair*



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES BOARD

7.4

**County Administrator Appointment
to Statutory Commissions and Boards**

I, Randy B. Scholz, appoint, James Ericksen to the Health and Human Services Board to fill the seat vacated by Tom Thornton. The term of office will expire as indicated.

Health and Human Services Board

James Ericksen Term expires April 01, 2024

Dated this 11th day of January, 2022

Randy Scholz
County Administrator

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources

EMERGENCY FIRE WARDEN ORGANIZATION LIST
Form 4300-010 Rev. 3/89

To the Honorable:

The County Board of Chippewa County, Wisconsin

In accord with s. 2612(3) and 26.14(3), Wis. Stats., we recommend the following persons to act as authorized Emergency Fire Wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in this county for the year **2021**, and ask your approval of this organization list.

EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS

Jo Gebert	101 Parkside Dr. Attn Lake Holcombe Cenex	FOR THE Town of Lake Holcombe, Ruby
Laurie Hebert	14802 State Hwy 124, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729	FOR THE Town of Eagle Point, Arthur, Colburn
Lori Kotaras	11403 Cty Hwy M, New Auburn, WI 54757	FOR THE Town of Sampson, Birch Creek
Mark Naas	406 Main, PO Box 708 Cornell, WI 54732	FOR THE Town of Estella, Cleveland

Attachment: Chippewa County EFW Letter (6758 : 2022 Fire Warden Appointments)

Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

Department of Natural Resources

January 7, 2021

By: _____
Area Forestry Leader

By: _____
County Board Chairperson (or authorized committee thereof)



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Randy Scholz, County Administrator
County Board – January 11, 2022

Overview

- Introduction
- Non-Exclusive ARPA List of Eligible Uses provided by Wisconsin Department of Revenue
- Loss Revenue Explanation
- Timeline for ARPA calendar
- Examples of Draft ARPA Forms
- Reporting of Expenditures
- Questions, Comments or Concerns

Introduction

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion Economic Stimulus Package that was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The current estimate for Chippewa County to receive is \$12.5 million.

- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has four allowable areas of usage:
 - *“(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;*
 - *“(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;*
 - *“(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or*
 - *“(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.*

Introduction (cont)

- On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Treasury issued an Interim Final Rule and Counties are still waiting for additional guidance on what is considered an “allowable expense”. It is important to note that if the funds are spent on projects that are not considered “allowable expenses” then the funds will need to be repaid back.
 - We are utilizing Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and National Association of Counties (NACO) for assistance.
- On May 19, 2021 we received the first transaction of \$6,279,529.50. We will receive the second half in May 2022. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.
 - For Chippewa County our goal is to complete all projects by September 30, 2024, unless they are contracted until December 31, 2026. This will help to ensure that everything is completed and all funds are spent by December 31, 2026.
- On July 20, 2021 the Chippewa County Board approved Resolution 19-21, which identifies the guidelines and procedure for allocating ARPA funds for Chippewa County.
- On November 9, 2021 the County Administrator gave the County Board an update on ARPA process and requested support to move forward based on guidelines established in the U.S. Treasury Interim Final Rule.

Non-Exclusive ARPA List of Eligible Uses Provided by Wisconsin Department of Revenue

 Non-Exclusive List of Eligible Uses ARPA – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds			
Responding to the Public Health Emergency	Addressing Negative Economic Impacts	Serving the Hardest Hit	Improving Access to Infrastructure
COVID-19 mitigation - Vaccinations - Personal protective equipment (PPE) - Testing - Alternative care facilities	Workers and families - Unemployment and training - Food, housing, financial security assistance - Survivor's benefit	Health disparities - Community health works - Public benefits navigators - Community violence intervention	Water and sewer - Drinking/wastewater infrastructure - Cybersecurity - Remediation of lead pipes - Stormwater/green infrastructure
Behavioral health care - Mental health treatment - Substance abuse treatment - Crisis intervention	Small businesses - Loans - Grants - Counseling programs	Housing and neighborhoods - Homelessness - Affordable housing - Housing vouchers - Residential counseling	Broadband - Currently unserved or underserved - Modern technologies
Public health resources Payroll for public health and similar employees	Impacted industries - Tourism - Travel - Hospitality - Non-profits	Educational disparities - Early learning services - School district resources - Educational services	<i>Note: These are examples pending final guidance from the U.S. Dept of Treasury (Treasury).</i> <i>Review Treasury documents for details:</i> FAQs Interim Final rule
Essential workers - Premium pay - Retroactive premium pay	Public sector - Rehire public sector employees to pre-pandemic levels - Replace lost revenue	Healthy environments - Childcare - Enhanced child welfare services	

Loss Revenue

- FY 2019 is considered the base year based on qualified revenues as explained in Interim Final Rule.
- Maximum allowable increase is 4.1% for each year from the 2019 base year and compounds each year.

2020 Loss Revenue Calculation: (Reviewed by Sikich LLC)

2019 Qualified Revenues = \$48,287,945

2020 Expected Qualified Revenues \$48,287,945 x 4.1% = \$50,267,751

2020 Actual Qualified Revenues = \$44,514,520

2020 Loss Revenue Calculation \$50,267,751 - \$44,514,520 = \$5,753,231

2021-2022 ARPA Calendar

11/09/21	CA gave CB update on ARPA process and requested support to move forward based on guidelines established in the Interim Final Rule
12/10/21	CA sends ARPA instructions and justification forms to Department Heads (DH have 30 days to submit draft ideas to CA)
01/14/22	Deadline for DH to submit draft ideas to CA
01/17/21 – 01/21/22	CA and Finance Director meet with DH to review draft ideas
01/24/22 – 02/24/22	DH have 30 days to meet with policy committees to review ideas and get feedback
01/27/22	CA holds listening sessions with town, city, and village leaders to get feedback and identify municipalities that may want to partner with the County in order to leverage dollars

2021-2022 ARPA Calendar (cont)

02/15/22	Special CB meeting for CB brainstorming session
02/25/22	DH submit committee approved projects to CA to be incorporated into multi-year plan
02/25/22 – 03/04/22	Compile and finalize draft multi-year plan
03/15/22	CA presents draft multi-year plan to Executive Committee as a report for review
04/21/22	Special CB meeting/orientation to give an overview of ARPA
05/24/22	Special CB meeting – listening session to receive feedback from the public and to review the draft multi-year plan and provide feedback
05/25/22	CA sends multi-year plan to auditing firm for compliance review before finalizing plan

2021-2022 ARPA Calendar (cont)

- 07/05/22** County Administrator presents the final multi-year plan and supporting resolutions to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the County Board
- 07/12/22** County Administrator presents the final multi-year plan and supporting resolutions to County Board for approval
- 07/15/22** A copy of the multi-year ARPA Plan is posted on the employee portal and county website
- 11/03/22** Approved 2023 ARPA projects will be included with the 2023 Budget

Reminder that many of the same calendar events will be required for future years until the funds have been exhausted by December 31, 2026.

Examples of Draft ARPA Project Plan



Examples of Draft ARPA Project Plan (cont)

2021 - 2022 ARPA Project Plan

Note:

\$12,558,858.00 Chippewa County Total ARPA Allocation

\$6,279,529.50 1st half of ARPA funds deposited into our account 05-19-2021

\$6,279,529.50 2nd half of ARPA funds to be deposited into our account 09-22-2022



CHIPPewa COUNTY
Wisconsin

Revision: 11/18/2021

Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Date Committee Reviewed	Source of Funding				Category for Eligible Use
					Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	
2021	24/7 Telecom Inc	Broadband Expansion - Towns Wheaton & Howard	\$1,902,530	07/20/21	\$395,549	\$1,272,167	\$395,549	\$1,951,265	\$0 Improve infrastructure
2021	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Towns of Grafton, Delmar, Edison & Sagal	\$1,607,500	07/20/21	\$531,657	\$1,227,098	\$45,000	\$1,803,750	\$0 Improve infrastructure
2021	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Eagle Point & Tilden	\$3,753,845	07/20/21	\$838,750	\$457,500	\$425,000	\$2,032,595	\$0 Improve infrastructure
2021 TOTAL			\$11,263,879		\$1,765,956	\$2,956,765	\$865,549	\$5,787,614	\$0
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2026	Insert department name	Insert project title	\$0	Date	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2026 TOTAL			\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-2026 Grand Total			\$11,263,879		\$1,765,956	\$2,956,765	\$865,549	\$5,787,614	\$0

Reporting of Expenditures

- Any current and cumulative expenditures obligated and/or expended will be reported quarterly to the U.S. Treasury along with any required additional documentation and each project's status.
 - All of these expenditures will be shown in Fund 235 during the Finance Director's quarterly update.
- ARPA will be subject to the Single Audit Requirements as established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This means that our independent auditor will be testing this program annually for compliance as other federal awards.

Questions, Comments, or Concerns





Highway Department Sustainable Funding Update

Chippewa County Board – January 11, 2022

Randy Scholz, County Administrator

Brian Kelley, Highway Commissioner

Summary

- Timeline of Events
- Previous Direction from County Board
- Status of 0.5% Sales Tax Legislation
- Current & Recommended Funding Levels
- Existing Conditions of Highway System
- State/Federal Transportation Funding Outlook

Timeline of Events

- 6-26-19 Presentation to Highway Committee
- 10-8-19 Presentation to County Board
- 11-20-19 Discussion with Highway Committee
- 12-18-19 Resolution 01-20 Passed by Highway Committee
- 1-14-20 Resolution 01-20 Passed by County Board

- 12-8-21 Update to Highway Committee
- 1-11-22 Update to County Board

Previous Direction from County Board

- Funding strategies that were considered:
 - Binding referendum to exceed levy limits
 - Short-term Borrowing
 - Long-term Borrowing
 - Combined Short-term & Long-term Borrowing
 - Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF)
 - Additional 0.5% Sales Tax
 - Premier Resort Area Tax (PRAT)

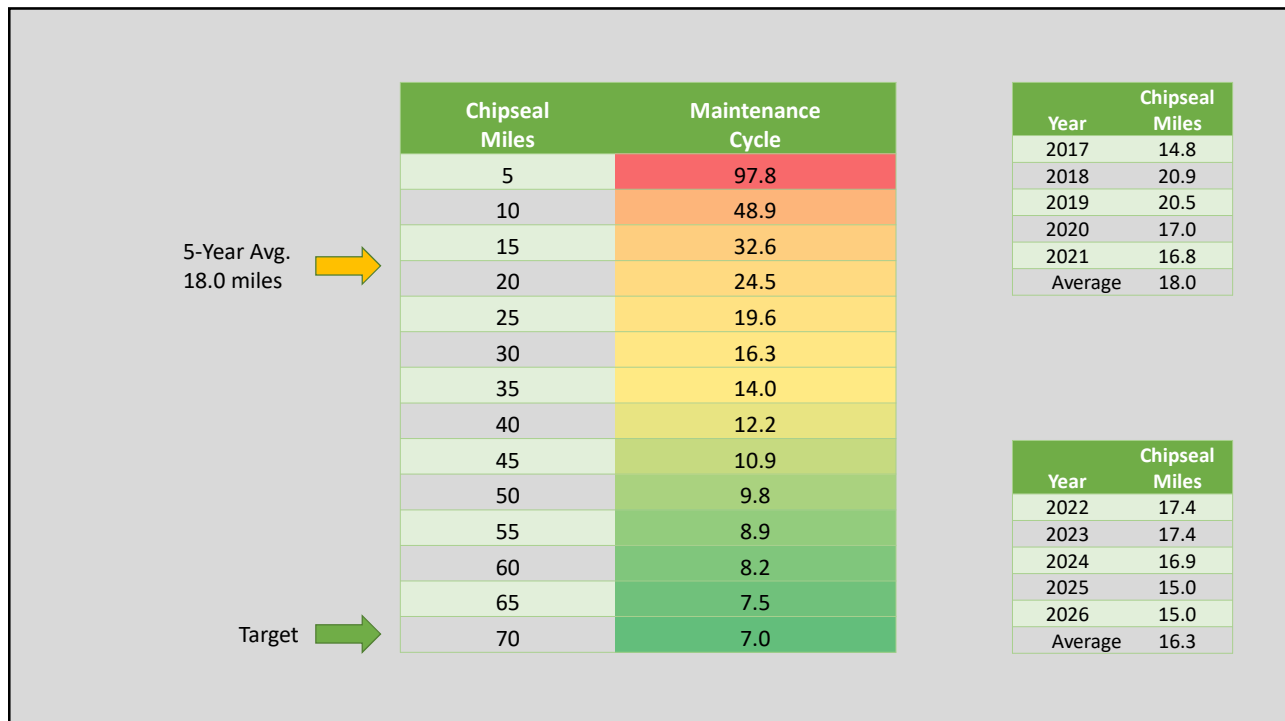
- Final direction to County Administrator and Highway Commissioner
 - Resolution of support for legislation to allow Counties to implement additional 0.5% Sales Tax

Status of 0.5% Sales Tax Legislation

- County Administrator Discussions with Legislators

Current & Recommended Funding Levels - Roads

- Current Road Construction & Maintenance Funding: \$4,428,900
 - \$2,823,900 Levy & Sales Tax
 - \$1,200,000 Bonding
 - \$405,000 Average State Federal Aids (2017-2021)
 - \$2,529,985 State/Federal Aids in 2022 Excluded
- Annual Road Construction Needs: \$5,922,778
- Annual Road Maintenance Needs: \$2,421,738



Current & Recommended Funding Levels – Bridges

- **Current Bridge Construction Funding: \$930,840**
 - \$744,840 Levy & Sales Tax
 - \$100,000 Bonding
 - \$86,000 Average State Federal Aids (2017-2021)
 - \$539,360 State/Federal Aids in 2022 Excluded
- **Annual Bridge Construction Needs: \$650,000**
 - \$250,000 – 1 Federally-funded bridge replacement every 4 years
 - \$400,000 – 1 County-funded bridge replacement each year
- **Annual Bridge Maintenance Needs: \$150,000**
 - \$30,000 – bridge deck sealing
 - \$20,000 – bridge railings
 - \$100,000 – bridge deck rehabilitation projects

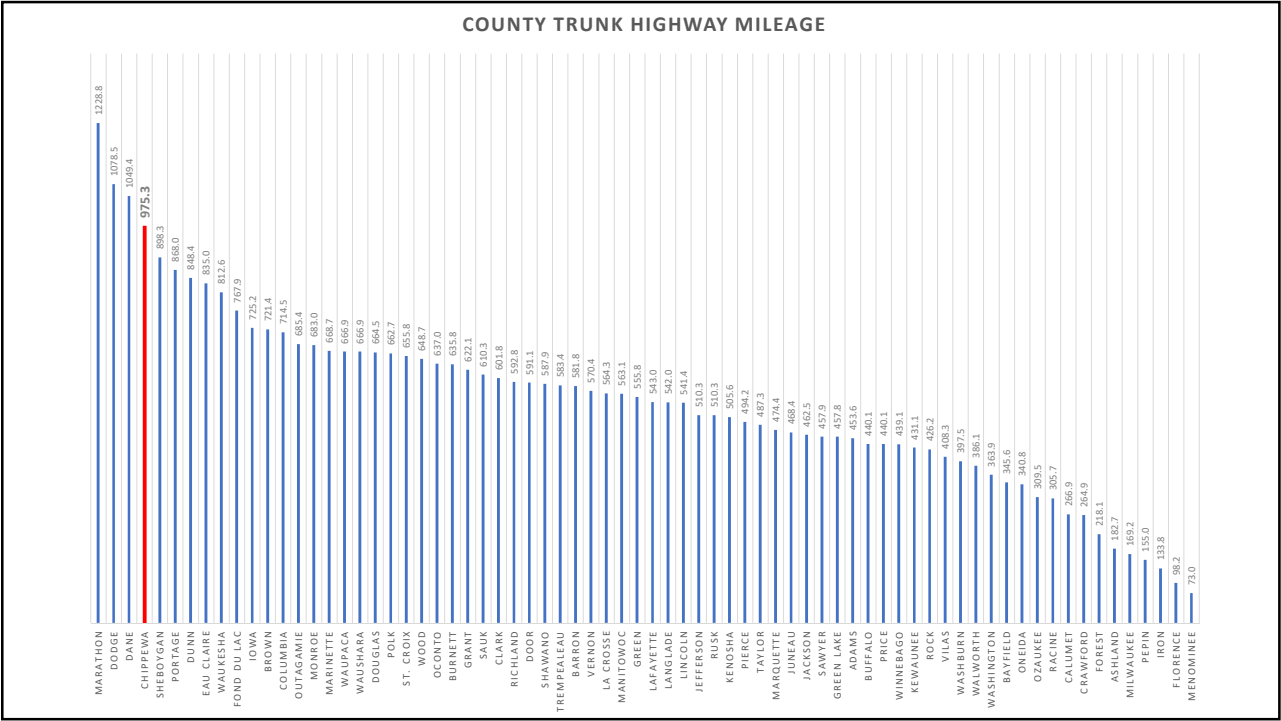
Current & Recommended Funding Levels - Overview

2019

- **Road**
 - Recommended: \$7,999,075
 - 2019 Budget: \$4,442,346
 - Deficiency: \$3,556,729
- **Bridge**
 - Recommended: \$700,000
 - 2019 Budget: \$490,394
 - Deficiency: \$209,606
- **Overall**
 - Recommended: \$8,699,075
 - 2019 Budget: \$4,932,740
 - Deficiency: \$3,766,225

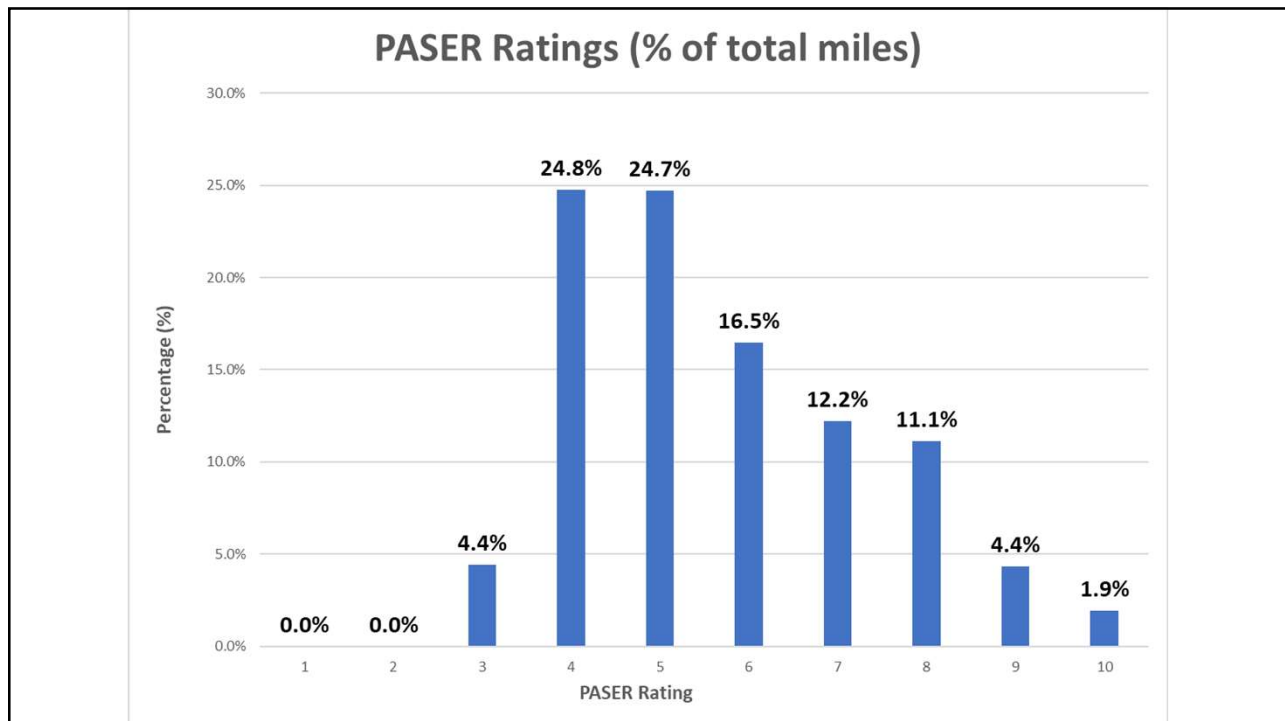
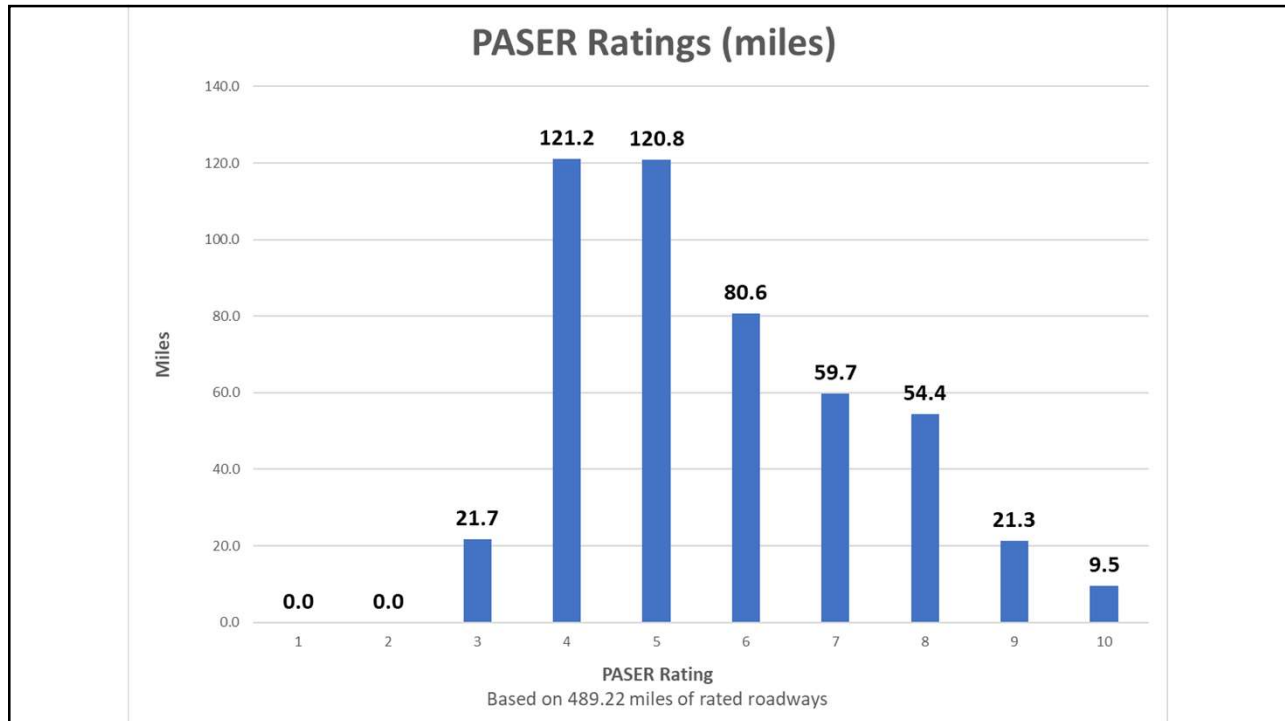
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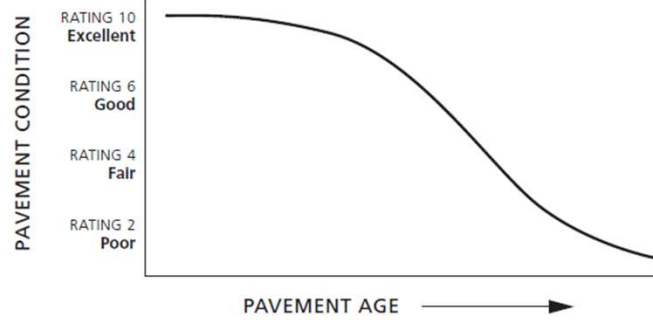
- **Road**
 - Recommended: \$8,344,516
 - 2022 Budget: \$4,428,900
 - Deficiency: \$3,915,616
- **Bridge**
 - Recommended: \$800,000
 - 2022 Budget: \$930,840
 - Excess: \$130,840
- **Overall**
 - Recommended: \$9,144,516
 - 2022 Budget: \$5,359,740
 - Deficiency: \$3,784,776



Existing Conditions of Highway System

- Average PASER rating for Chippewa County: 5.68 (Fair)
- Definition:
 - Preservative maintenance treatment required.
 - Roads are still in good structural condition but clearly need sealcoating or overlay.





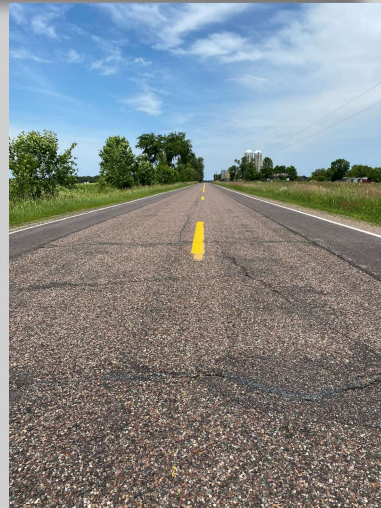
In addition to indicating the surface condition of a road, a given rating also includes a recommendation for needed maintenance or repair. This feature of the rating system facilitates its use and enhances its value as a tool in ongoing road maintenance.

RATINGS ARE RELATED TO NEEDED MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR

Rating 9 & 10	No maintenance required
Rating 8	Little or no maintenance
Rating 7	Routine maintenance, cracksealing and minor patching
Rating 5 & 6	Preservative treatments (sealcoating)
Rating 3 & 4	Structural improvement and leveling (overlay or recycling)
Rating 1 & 2	Reconstruction

Existing Conditions of Highway System

- PASER Rating: 6



Existing Conditions of Highway System (cont'd)

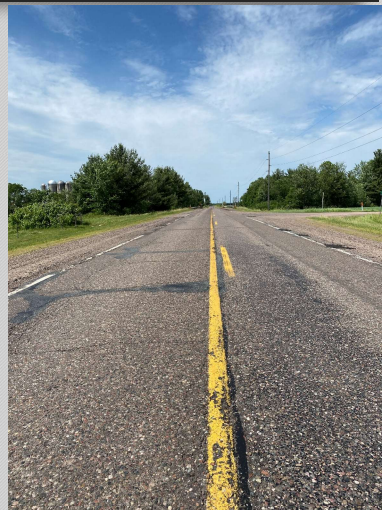
- PASER Rating: 5



Pavement Surface and Evaluation Rating (PASER)

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- PASER Rating: 4



Pavement Surface and Evaluation Rating (PASER)

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- CTH F – Spring 2021



State/Federal Transportation Funding Outlook

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)
- County Highway Improvement Program - Supplemental (CHIP-S)
 - One-time allocation of \$579,858

Questions, Comments, or Concerns





STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 01 - 22

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2022 ANNUAL WORK PLAN OF THE FOREST AND TRAILS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATION GRANT FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Approval of this resolution will adopt an annual work plan for the Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management in 2022, in accordance with § 28.11(5)(b), Wis. Stats., and will authorize the County Forest Administrator to apply for a grant in the amount of \$52,982.15 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The grant is needed to accomplish the work specified in the plan.

The County Forest Administration Grant will be used in accordance with § 28.11(5m), Wis. Stats., to fund 50% of the ~~Assistant~~ County Forest Administrator's salary and fringe benefits, as well as 50% of the County's annual dues to the Wisconsin Forest Association. Chippewa County has used this funding source, on an annual basis, to offset forest management operational expenses for over 30 years.

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RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, counties having lands entered as “County Forest Lands” under the provisions of § 28.11(4), Wisconsin Statutes, may annually receive from the state a grant of up to 50% of the actual salary and up to 50% of the fringe benefit costs of a County-employed professional forester in the position of County Forest Administrator or Assistant County Forest Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the grant can also be used to fund up to 50% of the County’s annual dues to the nonprofit Wisconsin County Forest Association, which provides leadership and counsel to County Forest Administrators and functions as a liaison to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the aforementioned grant, an annual work plan is required to be approved by the County Board and submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in accordance with § 28.11 (5)(b), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the County Board approved 2022 Budget includes anticipated revenue from a County Forest Administration Grant in the amount of \$54,615.64 to be used to offset expenses relating to the ~~Assistant~~ County Forest Administrator position and for dues to the Wisconsin County Forest Association;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the attached 2022 Annual Work Plan of the Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to §28.11, Wis. Stats., the County Forest Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to complete and submit required application materials for the aforementioned County Forest Administration Grant in the amount of approximately \$54,615.64 to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no unbudgeted costs associated with this resolution.

The breakdown for the use of the Grant is as follows:

57	County Forest Administration Grant	
58	Expenditure / Account	Revenue
59	State Aid-Forestry Fund Account (100-50-56112-435821)	\$ 54,615.64
60	Forest & Trails- Salary F/T (100-50-56110-511100)	\$ 34,873.80
61	Forest & Trails- Fringe Benefits (100-50-56110-515000)	\$ 6,460.00
62	Forest & Trails- Health Insurance (100-50-56110-515400)	\$ 12,324.00
63	Forest & Trails- Association Dues (100-50-56110-532400)	\$ 957.84
64	Total	\$ 54,615.64

66 **01/11/2022 County Board**

67 **RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

68 **MOVER:** Harold Steele, District 1

69 **SECONDER:** Ken Schmitt, District 3

70 **AYES:** Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Ericksen, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina,
71 Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill

72 **ABSENT:** Annette Hunt

73 **EXCUSED:** Glen Sikorski, Mechele Shipman

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75 History:

76 12/15/21 Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee FORWARD TO
77 COUNTY BOARD
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Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

12/9/2021

Lori Zwiefelhofer
Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

12/9/2021

Randy B. Scholz
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2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN FOR THE FOREST AND TRAILS DIVISION OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

The Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management is responsible for management of the County Forest and various recreational trails distributed throughout the county. LCFM will work in collaboration with:

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on timber management.
- Chippewa County Highway Department to complete required county forest road and equipment maintenance.
- Private contractors to complete necessary projects that are beyond staff capacity.
- User groups and volunteers to complete required maintenance and development goals on recreational trails.

This work plan supplements the 2021-2035 County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan and will advance the County's Strategic Plan. Tasks included in this work plan, and unforeseen demands that materialize throughout 2022, will be prioritized as follows:

1. Meet timber sale establishment and sales goals.
2. Maintain productive working relationships with volunteers and organized user groups.
3. Improve Aspen forest reconnaissance to optimize forest management.
4. Inventory secondary roads with potential for motorized access to developed boat launches.
5. Respond to public requests and inquiries.

Staffing and Labor Resources available in 2022 include (listed hours account for Holiday and PTO):

Forest and Trails

County Forest Administrator – 1800 hours
 Assistant County Forest Administrator – 1820 hours
 Annual Forest & Trails Maintenance Technician– 975 hours
 Seasonal Forest & Trails Maintenance Technician– 975 hours
 DNR Forestry Staff – 938 hours
 Contracted Services – TBD based on need and available finances
 Volunteer services – TBD based on implementation of volunteer policy & projects assigned

General Administration

Office Administrator - ~200
 FTE Department Director~330
 FTE Accountant ~ 500

This work plan presents tasks under the following sections:

Section A. FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
 Section B. RECREATIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE
 Section C. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SECTION A. FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

I. Timber Sale Establishment

Summary of 2021:

In the spring the County advertised 1,281 acres of timber across 31 sales.

In the spring 17 of the sales containing 629 acres were newly established and 14 sales containing 652 acres were readvertisements. Due to poor market conditions the County offered to take back sales from contractors requesting some relief. 2 sales containing 92 acres were awarded to the next highest bidders due to a winning bidder not meeting contract requirements. 3 sales containing 48 acres received no bids but were sold at the advertised minimums to interested contractors.

In the fall 9 of the sales containing 327 acres were newly established and 2 sales containing 72 acres were readvertisements from the spring bid opening. The two sales were readvertised because the winning bidder not meeting contract requirements and there were no other bidders.

Planned Activities:

In 2022 LCFM will again set a goal of establishing approximately 800 acres of new timber sales. Reconnaissance data from the Wisconsin Forest Inventory and Reporting System (WisFIRS) will assist in identifying stands suitable for management. Actual acreage will vary depending on site inspections of individual stands and determination of silvicultural needs. The following chart lists anticipated acreages to be established within each compartment:

2022 acres of scheduled harvests by compartment as prioritized by WisFIRS																
Compartment	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	19	20	21	22	23
Acres	12	40	17	37	24	68	28	159	79	36	21	2	24	12	95	32
Compartment	24	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	34	36	38	40	41	43	46	Total Acres
Acres	23	134	52	37	143	57	56	30	71	32	15	12	35	102	78	1,563

Anticipated timber sales in 2022 will include approximately 8-10 sales managing 400+/- acres will be advertised in two public bid openings to be held in May and November.

At least two Swamp Hardwood timber sales will be established in an effort to mitigate losses due to mortality from the invasive Emerald Ash Borer. The merchantability of remaining swamp hardwood stands has been decreasing, stands with the best access and sawlog volumes have already been sold.

Non-Commercial Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) activities will include:

1. Testing the effectiveness of TSI techniques and assessing the feasibility of herbicide or mechanical treatment to release oaks from competition in recently regenerated stands. The likely financial implications of contracting TSI treatments will be presented to the Committee.

II. Timber Sale Administration

Year-round timber sale administration is an essential part of County Forest management. Administration includes: sale inspections, scaling wood, correspondence with contractors, stumpage record entries and deposits, road layout, calculation and payment of town and state severance allotments, reporting harvest volumes, preparing contracts and extensions.

Weather, market conditions, and harvest restrictions influence contractor's ability to complete contracted timber sales. Staff will assist logging contractors attempting to complete contracts in a timely manner.

Including bids awarded at the November 17th Committee meeting there are 45 timber sales under contract valued at \$2,198,063.40. 4 of the contracted sales are currently active or have been partially harvested. The budgeted timber sale revenue for 2022 is \$422,786.00.

III. Forest Inventory and Reconnaissance

Field reconnaissance is used to assess geographical, structural and compositional attributes of forest resources. Field measurements are stored in the Wisconsin Forest Inventory & Reporting System (WisFIRS). Forest inventory data is collected, stored and updated systematically and continuously. The database is used to analyze existing resources, evaluate management alternatives and assist in the development and implementation of short and long-term management plans.

Efforts over the last 6 years have improved the quality of the information WisFIRS uses to schedule forest management activity. The County will continue to improve management planning by improving the aspen reconnaissance information. Continuing in 2022 and 2023 Forest & Trails staff will conduct reconnaissance to determine the species composition of aspen stands across the forest. This will allow for improved management scheduling as the prevalence of Quaking or Big Tooth aspen will be a key factor in deciding rotational ages. Increasing the spatial and temporal diversity of age classes produces a more regular schedule of management while also improving wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

IV. County Forest Roads and Access Trails

County Forest infrastructure will be managed in accordance with the document titled "Overview of Current Policy and Maintenance Protocol for Primary Infrastructure in the County Forest, M. Dahlby, County Forest Administrator, 10/11/2018" presented to the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee on October 17, 2018.

Permanent Primary Roads

1. Assume lead responsibility to conduct county forest road certification and administer County Forest Road Aids from the State Department of Transportation.
2. Contract County Highway Department to complete grading, mowing, and corrective maintenance of certified county forest roads. LCFM will assist with maintenance efforts by utilizing a disc-reclaimer before grading occurs.
3. Replace culverts as necessary within budget limits.

Permanent Secondary and Temporary Roads

1. Regularly provide custodial maintenance of the County Forest to control litter, illegal dumping, graffiti, and vandalism in the County Forest. Conduct routine inspections to identify unauthorized motor vehicle use, areas of excessive erosion, failing culverts and other maintenance needs. Conduct limited grading to repair damage and install best management practices where needed.
2. Mow the following areas: Hwy M Access to former Charter Bank and Hanson Property (~ 2.0 miles), Hickory Ridge Trail Ski/Horse System (~16 miles), Harold Walters Memorial Forest/River Road Ski Trail (~3.4 miles), Kempers Woods (~2 miles), Pine Harbor Woods (~1 mile), and Yellow River Woods (~1 mile).
3. Mow secondary access roads subject to motor vehicle use under frozen ground conditions: Town of Ruby (~4.6 miles), Tealey Creek Game Loop (~3.2 miles),
4. Develop an inventory of secondary roads with the potential to provide boat launches with vehicular access.
5. Work in cooperation with the Sheriff's Dept., DNR Conservation Wardens, and Corporation Counsel to enforce motor vehicle use laws, illegal dumping, and other property damage violations.

V. County Forest Special Use Units

State Statutes (Chapter 28.11(4)) allow for the designation of certain properties as "County Forest Special Use". The Forest & Trails Division manages seven (7) properties totaling 1,614 acres with such designation. These properties are not contiguous with regular county forest lands. Rather than prioritizing timber production, management of these parcels typically emphasizes scenery, outdoor recreation, water conservation, and other public recreational uses.

Chippewa County Forest Special Use Units include:

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Pine Harbor | 2. Kemper's Woods |
| 3. Gilberts | 4. Harold E. Walters Memorial Forest |
| 5. Round Lake | 6. Otter Lake |
| 7. Yellow River | |

Planned Activities:

1. Re-establish and mark boundaries, where feasible.
2. Evaluate the long-term facilities requirements, maintenance and capital improvement needs for these scattered units.
3. Update maps and post on website, install signs on site and identify management agency.
4. Retain and recruit local volunteers, pursuant to the County Volunteer Policy, for trail maintenance and improvement projects.

VI. Fish and Wildlife Management

1. Work cooperatively with DNR Wildlife Management staff, Chippewa Rod & Gun Club Volunteers, trappers and other conservation organizations on the inspection, operation, and maintenance of wildlife flowages, including impoundment mowing, repair, and beaver detritus removal. Begin project planning and budget analysis for the Low Hazard Large Dams 10 year recertification inspections required by the DNR in 2023.
2. Work cooperatively with the Chippewa Rod & Gun Club Volunteers to implement the County Conservation Aids grant to riprap the impoundments at O'Neil #2, Hay Meadow #1 and Hay Meadow #2.
3. Seed timber sale landings and roads to provide wildlife habitat and resist invasive plant species.
4. Inventory aspen species composition and modify rotation ages to maximize habitat management (i.e. early entry and extended rotations where appropriate).

VII. Maintain Boat Landings

1. Inspect and conduct maintenance at boat landings on Bass Lakes #2 and #3, Hay Meadow Flowage #1, Horseshoe Lake, Townline Lake and Knickerbocker Lake.

VIII. Surveying and Boundary Line Establishment

1. Locate and mark property lines that adjoin private property when requested by private landowners or as needed for timber sales.
2. Request assistance from County Surveyor to identify boundaries and resolve encroachments.

IX. Land Acquisition

1. Coordinate with State Natural Areas program staff to evaluate the potential expansion of the Ohmart Wetlands and Tealey Creek Cedars on adjacent County Forest properties recently entered into County Forest Law.
2. Consider land acquisitions within and adjacent the County Forest Blocking Boundary on an ongoing basis. Pursue funding from DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and other sources when purchases are proposed.

X. Invasive Species and Forest Pests

1. Use control measures on garlic mustard and buckthorn in select sites within forest stands in Sections 29-32, T32N R8W and in Sections 2,3, 4, 10, and 11, T31N R8W.
2. Spray wild chervil along the Old Abe Trail from Hwy S to the Wissota Bridge and inspect the entire trail for invasive species.
3. Work in cooperation with the Lower Chippewa Invasive Partnership to raise awareness and facilitate user groups' capacity to identify, monitor, and control invasive species in the County.

SECTION 2. RECREATIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Recreational trails benefit the community in many ways. Among other benefits, trails contribute to quality of life, public health, tourism, and protection of natural resources. The Forest & Trails Division is responsible for planning, development and coordination trail maintenance efforts. Activities are accomplished through organized user group's cooperative agreements, individual volunteer agreements, third party service contracts and staff maintenance of several public recreational trail systems.

Planned Activities

1. Old Abe State Trail:

- A. Coordinate and oversee the maintenance of 19 miles of trail, including tree removal, mowing, surface repair, sweeping, bridge maintenance, signing and trail pass sales.
- B. Mow and maintain approximately 6 miles of horseback trail adjacent to the paved trail.
- C. Install a trail information kiosk, railroad historic marker, seating and tables at the Lake Wissota Trailhead.
- D. Coordinate maintenance of the pit toilets at the Lake Wissota Trailhead with Lake Wissota State Park.
- E. Install a donated bench in the trail right of way north of Jim Falls.

2. Bike Trails & Riverview Reserve:

- A. Conduct maintenance of 1.7 miles of bike and pedestrian trails at Riverview Reserve.
- B. Create a maintenance agreement with the Chippewa Off Road Bike Association (CORBA).
- C. Permit and facilitate efforts by the CORBA to conduct a mountain bike race on the designated Hickory Ridge Bike Trail system in the fall.
- D. Facilitate the planning process and grant applications for installing maintenance facilities and enlarging the Hickory Ridge trailhead parking lot to facilitate increased use and race events.
- E. Facilitate the planning process and grant applications for expanding the Hickory Ridge Bike Trail system north of the Hickory Ridge Primary County Forest Road.
- F. Enroll members under the County Volunteer Policy.

3. Snowmobile Trails: The Forest and Trails Division will:

- A. Support the efforts of the Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization (CVSO), to maintain approximately 400 miles of state-funded snowmobile trails.

B. Apply for DNR grant funding for snowmobile trail maintenance, supplemental funding, and bridge projects; and administer associated grant contracts in cooperation with Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization.

C. Cooperate with the CVSO to complete requests that additional trails be funded.

4. ATV Trails: The Forest and Trails Division will:

A. Assist Chippewa Valley ATV Council (CVATVC) with the operation and maintenance of approximately 23.1 miles of state funded ATV trail and 8.2 miles of TROUTE funded Primary County Forest Roads.

B. Assist CVATVC with maintenance of trailheads and toilet facilities.

C. Administer DNR grant funding for ATV/UTV Trail and TROUTE Maintenance.

D. Renew and implement a maintenance agreement with the relating to development and maintenance of County Forest ATV Trails.

E. Enroll members under the County Volunteer Policy.

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2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN FOR THE FOREST AND TRAILS DIVISION OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

The Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management is responsible for management of the County Forest and various recreational trails distributed throughout the county. LCFM will work in collaboration with:

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on timber management.
- Chippewa County Highway Department to complete required county forest road and equipment maintenance.
- Private contractors to complete necessary projects that are beyond staff capacity.
- User groups and volunteers to complete required maintenance and development goals on recreational trails.

This work plan supplements the 2021-2035 County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan and will advance the County's Strategic Plan. Tasks included in this work plan, and unforeseen demands that materialize throughout 2022, will be prioritized as follows:

1. Respond to public requests and inquiries.
2. Meet timber sale establishment and sales goals.
3. Maintain productive working relationships with volunteers and organized user groups.
4. Improve Aspen forest reconnaissance to optimize forest management.
5. Inventory secondary roads with potential for motorized access to developed boat launches.

Staffing and Labor Resources available in 2022 include (listed hours account for Holiday and PTO):

Forest and Trails

County Forest Administrator – 1800 hours
 Assistant County Forest Administrator – 1820 hours
 Annual Forest & Trails Maintenance Technician– 975 hours
 Seasonal Forest & Trails Maintenance Technician– 975 hours
 DNR Forestry Staff – 938 hours
 Contracted Services – TBD based on need and available finances
 Volunteer services – TBD based on implementation of volunteer policy & projects assigned

General Administration

Office Administrator - ~200
 FTE Department Director~330
 FTE Accountant ~ 500

This work plan presents tasks under the following sections:

Section A. FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
 Section B. RECREATIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE
 Section C. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SECTION A. FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

I. Timber Sale Establishment

Summary of 2021:

In the spring the County advertised 1,281 acres of timber across 31 sales.

In the spring 17 of the sales containing 629 acres were newly established and 14 sales containing 652 acres were readvertisements. Due to poor market conditions the County offered to take back sales from contractors requesting some relief. 2 sales containing 92 acres were awarded to the next highest bidders due to a winning bidder not meeting contract requirements. 3 sales containing 48 acres received no bids but were sold at the advertised minimums to interested contractors.

In the fall 9 of the sales containing 327 acres were newly established and 2 sales containing 72 acres were readvertisements from the spring bid opening. The two sales were readvertised because the winning bidder not meeting contract requirements and there were no other bidders.

Planned Activities:

In 2022 LCFM will again set a goal of establishing approximately 800 acres of new timber sales. Reconnaissance data from the Wisconsin Forest Inventory and Reporting System (WisFIRS) will assist in identifying stands suitable for management. Actual acreage will vary depending on site inspections of individual stands and determination of silvicultural needs. The following chart lists anticipated acreages to be established within each compartment:

2022 acres of scheduled harvests by compartment as prioritized by WisFIRS																
Compartment	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	19	20	21	22	23
Acres	12	40	17	37	24	68	28	159	79	36	21	2	24	12	95	32
Compartment	24	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	34	36	38	40	41	43	46	Total Acres
Acres	23	134	52	37	143	57	56	30	71	32	15	12	35	102	78	1,563

Anticipated timber sales in 2022 will include approximately 8-10 sales managing 400+/- acres will be advertised in two public bid openings to be held in May and November.

At least two Swamp Hardwood timber sales will be established in an effort to mitigate losses due to mortality from the invasive Emerald Ash Borer. The merchantability of remaining swamp hardwood stands has been decreasing, stands with the best access and sawlog volumes have already been sold.

Non-Commercial Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) activities will include:

1. Testing the effectiveness of TSI techniques and assessing the feasibility of herbicide or mechanical treatment to release oaks from competition in recently regenerated stands. The likely financial implications of contracting TSI treatments will be presented to the Committee.

II. Timber Sale Administration

Year-round timber sale administration is an essential part of County Forest management. Administration includes: sale inspections, scaling wood, correspondence with contractors, stumpage record entries and deposits, road layout, calculation and payment of town and state severance allotments, reporting harvest volumes, preparing contracts and extensions.

Weather, market conditions, and harvest restrictions influence contractor's ability to complete contracted timber sales. Staff will assist logging contractors attempting to complete contracts in a timely manner.

Including bids awarded at the November 17th Committee meeting there are 45 timber sales under contract valued at \$2,198,063.40. 4 of the contracted sales are currently active or have been partially harvested. The budgeted timber sale revenue for 2022 is \$422,786.00.

III. Forest Inventory and Reconnaissance

Field reconnaissance is used to assess geographical, structural and compositional attributes of forest resources. Field measurements are stored in the Wisconsin Forest Inventory & Reporting System (WisFIRS). Forest inventory data is collected, stored and updated systematically and continuously. The database is used to analyze existing resources, evaluate management alternatives and assist in the development and implementation of short and long-term management plans.

Efforts over the last 6 years have improved the quality of the information WisFIRS uses to schedule forest management activity. The County will continue to improve management planning by improving the aspen reconnaissance information. Continuing in 2022 and 2023 Forest & Trails staff will conduct reconnaissance to determine the species composition of aspen stands across the forest. This will allow for improved management scheduling as the prevalence of Quaking or Big Tooth aspen will be a key factor in deciding rotational ages. Increasing the spatial and temporal diversity of age classes produces a more regular schedule of management while also improving wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

IV. County Forest Roads and Access Trails

County Forest infrastructure will be managed in accordance with the document titled "Overview of Current Policy and Maintenance Protocol for Primary Infrastructure in the County Forest, M. Dahlby, County Forest Administrator, 10/11/2018" presented to the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee on October 17, 2018.

Permanent Primary Roads

1. Assume lead responsibility to conduct county forest road certification and administer County Forest Road Aids from the State Department of Transportation.
2. Contract County Highway Department to complete grading, mowing, and corrective maintenance of certified county forest roads. LCFM will assist with maintenance efforts by utilizing a disclaimer before grading occurs.
3. Replace culverts as necessary within budget limits.

Permanent Secondary and Temporary Roads

1. Regularly provide custodial maintenance of the County Forest to control litter, illegal dumping, graffiti, and vandalism in the County Forest. Conduct routine inspections to identify unauthorized motor vehicle use, areas of excessive erosion, failing culverts and other maintenance needs. Conduct limited grading to repair damage and install best management practices where needed.
2. Mow the following areas: Hwy M Access to former Charter Bank and Hanson Property (~ 2.0 miles), Hickory Ridge Trail Ski/Horse System (~16 miles), Harold Walters Memorial Forest/River Road Ski Trail (~3.4 miles), Kempers Woods (~2 miles), Pine Harbor Woods (~1 mile), and Yellow River Woods (~1 mile).
3. Mow secondary access roads subject to motor vehicle use under frozen ground conditions: Town of Ruby (~4.6 miles), Tealey Creek Game Loop (~3.2 miles),
4. Develop an inventory of secondary roads with the potential to provide boat launches with vehicular access.
5. Work in cooperation with the Sheriff's Dept., DNR Conservation Wardens, and Corporation Counsel to enforce motor vehicle use laws, illegal dumping, and other property damage violations.

V. County Forest Special Use Units

State Statutes (Chapter 28.11(4)) allow for the designation of certain properties as "County Forest Special Use". The Forest & Trails Division manages seven (7) properties totaling 1,614 acres with such designation. These properties are not contiguous with regular county forest lands. Rather than prioritizing timber production, management of these parcels typically emphasizes scenery, outdoor recreation, water conservation, and other public recreational uses.

Chippewa County Forest Special Use Units include:

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Pine Harbor | 2. Kemper's Woods |
| 3. Gilberts | 4. Harold E. Walters Memorial Forest |
| 5. Round Lake | 6. Otter Lake |
| 7. Yellow River | |

Planned Activities:

1. Re-establish and mark boundaries, where feasible.
2. Evaluate the long-term facilities requirements, maintenance and capital improvement needs for these scattered units.
3. Update maps and post on website, install signs on site and identify management agency.
4. Retain and recruit local volunteers, pursuant to the County Volunteer Policy, for trail maintenance and improvement projects.

VI. Fish and Wildlife Management

1. Work cooperatively with DNR Wildlife Management staff, Chippewa Rod & Gun Club Volunteers, trappers and other conservation organizations on the inspection, operation, and maintenance of wildlife flowages, including impoundment mowing, repair, and beaver detritus removal. Begin project planning and budget analysis for the Low Hazard Large Dams 10 year recertification inspections required by the DNR in 2023.
2. Work cooperatively with the Chippewa Rod & Gun Club Volunteers to implement the County Conservation Aids grant to riprap the impoundments at O'Neil #2, Hay Meadow #1 and Hay Meadow #2.
3. Seed timber sale landings and roads to provide wildlife habitat and resist invasive plant species.
4. Inventory aspen species composition and modify rotation ages to maximize habitat management (i.e. early entry and extended rotations where appropriate).

VII. Maintain Boat Landings

1. Inspect and conduct maintenance at boat landings on Bass Lakes #2 and #3, Hay Meadow Flowage #1, Horseshoe Lake, Townline Lake and Knickerbocker Lake.

VIII. Surveying and Boundary Line Establishment

1. Locate and mark property lines that adjoin private property when requested by private landowners or as needed for timber sales.
2. Request assistance from County Surveyor to identify boundaries and resolve encroachments.

IX. Land Acquisition

1. Coordinate with State Natural Areas program staff to evaluate the potential expansion of the Ohmart Wetlands and Tealey Creek Cedars on adjacent County Forest properties recently entered into County Forest Law.
2. Consider land acquisitions within and adjacent the County Forest Blocking Boundary on an ongoing basis. Pursue funding from DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and other sources when purchases are proposed.

X. Invasive Species and Forest Pests

1. Use control measures on garlic mustard and buckthorn in select sites within forest stands in Sections 29-32, T32N R8W and in Sections 2,3, 4, 10, and 11, T31N R8W.
2. Spray wild chervil along the Old Abe Trail from Hwy S to the Wissota Bridge and inspect the entire trail for invasive species.
3. Work in cooperation with the Lower Chippewa Invasive Partnership to raise awareness and facilitate user groups' capacity to identify, monitor, and control invasive species in the County.

SECTION 2. RECREATIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Recreational trails benefit the community in many ways. Among other benefits, trails contribute to quality of life, public health, tourism, and protection of natural resources. The Forest & Trails Division is responsible for planning, development and coordination trail maintenance efforts. Activities are accomplished through organized user group's cooperative agreements, individual volunteer agreements, third party service contracts and staff maintenance of several public recreational trail systems.

Planned Activities

1. Old Abe State Trail:
 - A. Coordinate and oversee the maintenance of 19 miles of trail, including tree removal, mowing, surface repair, sweeping, bridge maintenance, signing and trail pass sales.
 - B. Mow and maintain approximately 6 miles of horseback trail adjacent to the paved trail.
 - C. Install a trail information kiosk, railroad historic marker, seating and tables at the Lake Wissota Trailhead.
 - D. Coordinate maintenance of the pit toilets at the Lake Wissota Trailhead with Lake Wissota State Park.
 - E. Install a donated bench in the trail right of way north of Jim Falls.
2. Bike Trails & Riverview Reserve:
 - A. Conduct maintenance of 1.7 miles of bike and pedestrian trails at Riverview Reserve.
 - B. Create a maintenance agreement with the Chippewa Off Road Bike Association (CORBA).
 - C. Permit and facilitate efforts by the CORBA to conduct a mountain bike race on the designated Hickory Ridge Bike Trail system in the fall.
 - D. Facilitate the planning process and grant applications for installing maintenance facilities and enlarging the Hickory Ridge trailhead parking lot to facilitate increased use and race events.
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 - F. Enroll members under the County Volunteer Policy.
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 - A. Support the efforts of the Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization (CVSO), to maintain approximately 400 miles of state-funded snowmobile trails.

- B. Apply for DNR grant funding for snowmobile trail maintenance, supplemental funding, and bridge projects; and administer associated grant contracts in cooperation with Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization.
- C. Cooperate with the CVSO to complete requests that additional trails be funded.

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

Resolution No. 02 - 22

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REIMBURSEMENT FOR UP TO 100 DAYS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN
2022**

1 Passage of this resolution will authorize compensation and mileage reimbursement for
2 County Board Supervisors for attending committee meetings up to 100 days in 2022. Section
3 59.13(2)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes limits the number of days for which compensation and
4 mileage may be paid to supervisors to 30 days per year in Chippewa County. However, the
5 County Board may increase the number of days for compensation to be paid for attendance at
6 committee meetings by a 2/3 vote of the members present.

7 This resolution will allow any supervisor who attends more than 30 days of committee
8 meetings in 2022 to be compensated and to receive reimbursement for mileage. That
9 compensation and mileage reimbursement will be equivalent to that paid for the first 30 days
10 of committee meetings in 2022, as set out in Sec. 2-71 of the Chippewa County Code of
11 Ordinances.

12 This resolution was also previously approved for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 committee
13 meetings.
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COMPENSATION AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR UP TO
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WHEREAS, in 2012, the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors was down sized from 29 members to 15 members pursuant to passage of a county referendum; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the downsizing of the County Board, the County Board approved a reorganization and consolidation of committees to attempt to address the additional workload that was created by the reduction of 14 supervisors on the Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 59.13(2)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, "Committees; Appointment; Compensation" states as follows:

(2) Except as provided under sub. (3), committee members shall receive such compensation for their services as the board allows, not exceeding the per diem and mileage allowed to members of the board and the committee members shall receive such compensation, mileage and reimbursement for other expenses as the board allows for their attendance at any school, institute or meeting which the board directs them to attend. No supervisor shall be allowed pay for committee service while the board is in session, nor for mileage except in connection with services performed within the time limited under this subsection. The number of days for which compensation and mileage may be paid a committee member in any year, except members of committees appointed to have charge of the erection of any county building, and except as otherwise provided by law, are limited as follows:

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WHEREAS, the number of committee meetings attended by each supervisor has increased dramatically since the downsizing of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of days for which compensation and mileage may be paid to supervisors will ensure that supervisors are appropriately compensated for the work that they do while serving on all the various committees; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the number of days for which compensation is paid should be increased to 100 per year and that all days reimbursed through per diem and mileage should be compensated in the same manner as compensation is currently paid pursuant to Sec. 2-71 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors

does hereby authorize that the number of days that supervisors are entitled to compensation for attending committee meetings is increased to 100 days per year for 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for all days for services on committees over 30 days in 2022 shall be compensated in the same manner as the first 30 days of committee meetings were compensated, including reimbursement for mileage, pursuant to Sec. 2-71 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

It is unclear what the fiscal impact will be to Chippewa County, but it is anticipated that the funds necessary to cover all per diems and mileage reimbursement of the County Board Supervisors were budgeted for 2022 based on per diem payment history.

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald McGill, District 15

SECONDER: Chuck Hull, District 14

AYES: Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Ericksen, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill

ABSENT: Annette Hunt

EXCUSED: Glen Sikorski, Mechele Shipman

History:

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Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

12/9/2021

Lori Zwiefelhofer
Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

12/10/2021

Randy B. Scholz
Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

12/13/2021



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 03 - 22

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTED FEES FOR ONLINE ACCESS TO PROPERTY DOCUMENTS MAINTAINED BY THE REGISTER OF DEEDS

Wisconsin Statutes § 59.43(2)(c), requires the County Board to establish contracted fees for noncertified copies of the complete daily recordings and filings of documents pertaining to real property provided by the Register of Deeds. Wis. Stat. § 59.43(2)(c), also allows the County Board to authorize the Register of Deeds to enter into contracts with municipalities, private corporations, associations, and other persons for said copies. The Chippewa County Register of Deeds contracts with Fidlar Technologies to provide online access for searching the property records using Fidlar's Laredo platform. The Register of Deeds also uses Fidlar's Monarch platform for users that wish to stream and produce those property records. Users of Laredo and Monarch pay subscriber fees for online access to the property records.

Passage of this resolution will formally approve the online access fees currently being charged by the Register of Deeds as well as authorize the Register of Deeds to enter into said contracts. Passage of this resolution will also authorize the Register of Deeds to enter into contracts with municipalities, private corporations, associations, and other persons for noncertified copies of real property documents.

In 2012, the online access Laredo fees charged were as follows:

PLAN* (Minutes Per Month)	COUNTY CHARGE TO USER (Charge per Month)	OVERAGE CHARGE (Charge per Minute)
A. 0-250	\$75	\$.30
B. 251-500	\$125	\$.25
C. 501-1000	\$195	\$.20
D. 1001-2000	\$295	\$.15
E. Unlimited	\$400	

Beginning in January 2019, the Register of Deeds began charging the following fees:

A. 0-100	\$50	\$.30
B. 101-250	\$90	\$.30
C. 251-500	\$150	\$.25
D. 501-1000	\$235	\$.20
E. 1001-2000	\$355	\$.15
F. Unlimited	\$500	\$.00

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In 2015, Monarch subscriber (bulk images) pricing was set as follows:

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- Day Forward Images - \$0.15/image

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- Day Forward Index - \$0.10/doc

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- Day Forward Index (flat rate) - \$250/month

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- Historic Bulk Images - \$0.08

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- Historic Bulk Index - \$0.04

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The Register of Deeds' current pricing is:

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- Present Day Images - \$0.15

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- Present Day Data - \$0.10

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- Historic Images - \$0.15

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- Historic Data - \$0.10

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Resolution No. 03 - 22

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTED FEES FOR ONLINE ACCESS TO PROPERTY
DOCUMENTS MAINTAINED BY THE REGISTER OF DEEDS**

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Register of Deeds receives fees for contracted services providing online access to documents pertaining to real property recorded in the Register of Deeds Office; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats., § 59.43(2)(c), provides that the County Board shall establish fees to be charged by the Register of Deeds for access to noncertified copies of the complete daily recordings and filings of documents pertaining to real property, but that those fees may not exceed "...the cost of labor and material plus a reasonable allowance for plant and depreciation of equipment used"; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats., § 59.43(2)(c), further provides that the County Board may authorize the Register of Deeds to enter into contracts with municipalities, private corporations, associations, and other persons in providing such copies; and

WHEREAS, the fees for the Register of Deeds online access contracted services have not been formally approved by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds has not formally been authorized to enter into such contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds contracts with Fidar Technologies to provide online access for searching the property records maintained by the office using Fidar's Laredo platform; and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds also uses Fidar's Monarch platform for users that wish to stream and produce those property records; and

WHEREAS, users of Laredo and Monarch pay subscriber fees to access the property records maintained by the Register of Deeds Office; and

WHEREAS, currently the Register of Deeds' online access monthly Laredo subscriber fees for searching property records are as follows:

Plan A (1-100 minutes):	\$50; \$0.30 overage charge per minute
Plan B (101-250 minutes):	\$90; \$0.30 overage charge per minute
Plan C (251-500 minutes):	\$150; \$0.25 overage charge per minute
Plan D (501-1000 minutes):	\$235; \$0.20 overage charge per minute
Plan E (1001-2000 minutes):	\$355; \$0.15 overage charge per minute
Plan F (Unlimited):	\$500; \$0.00 overage charge per minute; and

WHEREAS, currently the Register of Deeds' online access Monarch subscriber fees for streaming and producing property records are as follows:

Present Day Images: \$0.15
 Present Day Data: \$0.10
 Historic Images: \$0.15
 Historic Data: \$0.10; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Chippewa County Register of Deeds and the County Administrator that the fees for Register of Deeds online access contracted services be set at the fees currently being charged and that authority be given to the Register of Deeds to enter into such contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that effective upon passage of this resolution, the fees for Register of Deeds' online access to the property records maintained by the office are approved as follows:

Laredo Fees:

Plan A (1-100 minutes): \$50; \$0.30 overage charge per minute
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Monarch Fees:

Present Day Images: \$0.15
 Present Day Data: \$0.10
 Historic Images: \$0.15
 Historic Data: \$0.10; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Register of Deeds is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with municipalities, private corporations, associations, and other persons to provide noncertified copies of the complete daily recordings and filings of documents pertaining to real property; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that if fees charged by the Register of Deeds Office are to be changed in the future, a resolution shall be brought to the County Board to approve those changes.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

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MOVER: Ronald McGill, District 15

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SECONDER: Kari Ives, District 12

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AYES: Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Ericksen, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina,
Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill

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ABSENT: Annette Hunt

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EXCUSED: Glen Sikorski, Mechele Shipman

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History:

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Approved as to Form:



Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

12/14/2021



Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

12/21/2021



Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

12/21/2021

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Ordinance No. 05 - 21

**ORD. 05-21: ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 ENVIRONMENT,
ARTICLE II. NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION, DIVISION 3.
STANDARDS, SECTIONS 30-76, 30-79, 30-81, 30-82, AND DIVISION 4.
PERMITTING, SECTIONS 30-102, 30-103, AND 30-111 OF THE
CHIPPEWA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

Nonmetallic mining operations and the ongoing production of mineral resources, including rock, sand, and aggregate are essential to the County's economy, and to the maintenance of public and private infrastructure.

In 2001, Chippewa County adopted a nonmetallic mining reclamation ordinance to be compliant with requirements of Wis. Stats. ch. 295 and Wis. Admin. Code NR ch. 135.

The Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management has been assigned responsibility to administer this ordinance and to implement an associated nonmetallic mining reclamation program.

In response to a significant expansion of the mining industry in Chippewa County, the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee has completed a policy review, and has developed proposed changes to the nonmetallic mining reclamation ordinance.

These ordinance changes have been developed with input from affected stakeholders, to clarify administrative processes used in mine reclamation planning and program administration, and to improve the quality of mine reclamation in Chippewa County.

As part of this process, the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee has submitted proposed ordinance changes to the Wis. Department of Natural Resources, as required under Wis. Admin. Code NR §§ 135.45 and 135.46, to assure that the proposed changes and the revised ordinance are in compliance with State statutes and Wis. Admin. Code NR ch. 135.

The Department of Natural Resources has now made a determination under Wis. Admin. Code NR §§ 135.45 and 135.46 that the revised ordinance is in compliance with the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code NR ch. 135.

The revised ordinance and associated reclamation program will be administered by the Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, working within the limits of available resources, as funded through nonmetallic mine permitting fees.

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

Ordinance No. 05 - 21

ORD. 05-21: ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE II. NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION, DIVISION 3. STANDARDS, SECTIONS 30-76, 30-79, 30-81, 30-82, AND DIVISION 4. PERMITTING, SECTIONS 30-102, 30-103, AND 30-111 OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

SEE ATTACHMENT (Ordinance to Amend Chapter 30 Environment, Article II. Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation, Division 3. Standards, Sections 30-76, 30-79, 30-81, 30-82, and Division 4. Permitting, Sections 30-102, 30-103, and 30-111 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

By passage of these ordinance amendments there is no financial impact to the County.

01/11/2022 County Board

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Harold Steele, District 1

SECONDER: Lee McMenamin, District 4

AYES: Gullickson, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Ericksen, Hauser, Mickelson, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill

ABSENT: Annette Hunt

EXCUSED: Glen Sikorski, Mechele Shipman

History:

11/17/21 Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee FORWARD TO
COUNTY BOARD

12/14/21 County Board FIRST READING

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

11/10/2021

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Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

11/11/2021

Randy B. Scholz

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

11/11/2021

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE II. NONMETALLIC MINING
RECLAMATION, DIVISION 3. STANDARDS, SECTIONS 30-76, 30-79, 30-81, 30-82, AND DIVISION 4.
PERMITTING, SECTIONS 30-102, 30-103, and 30-111 OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY CODE OF
ORDINANCES**

1. That Sections 30-76, 30-79, 30-81, 30-82, 30-102, 30-103 and 30-111 of Chapter 30 Environment, Article II Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 30 ENVIRONMENT

Article II. Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation

Division 1. Generally

- Sec. 30-31. Purpose.
- Sec. 30-32. Statutory authority.
- Sec. 30-33. Restrictions adopted under other authority.
- Sec. 30-34. Interpretation.
- Sec. 30-35. Applicability.
- Sec. 30-36. Administration.
- Sec. 30-37. Effective date.
- Sec. 30-38. Definitions.
- Secs. 30-39--30-55. Reserved.

Division 2. Enforcement

- Sec. 30-56. Right of entry and inspection.
- Sec. 30-57. Orders and citations.
- Sec. 30-58. Penalties.
- Secs. 30-59--30-75. Reserved.

Division 3. Standards

- Sec. 30-76. Standards.
- Sec. 30-77. Refuse and other solid wastes.
- Sec. 30-78. Area disturbed and contemporaneous reclamation.
- Sec. 30-79. Public health, safety and welfare.
- Sec. 30-80. Habitat restoration.
- Sec. 30-81. Environmental protection, zoning and land use control.
~~Compliance with environmental regulations.~~
- Sec. 30-82. Surface water and wetlands protection.
- Sec. 30-83. Groundwater protection.
- Secs. 30-84--30-100. Reserved.

Division 4. Permitting

- Sec. 30-101. Nonmetallic mining reclamation permit application.
- Sec. 30-102. Reclamation plan.
- Sec. 30-103. Financial assurance.
- Sec. 30-104. Public notice and right of hearing.
- Sec. 30-105. Issuance of a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit.
- Sec. 30-106. Permit denial.
- Sec. 30-107. Alternative requirements.
- Sec. 30-108. Permit duration.

Sec. 30-109. Permit transfer.
 Sec. 30-110. Previously permitted sites.
 Sec. 30-111. Review.
 Secs. 30-112--30-130. Reserved.

Division 5. Administration

Sec. 30-131. Permit modification.
 Sec. 30-132. Permit suspension or revocation.
 Sec. 30-133. Annual operator reporting.
 Sec. 30-134. Plan review fees.
 Sec. 30-135. Annual fees.
 Sec. 30-136. Regulatory reporting and documentation.
 Sec. 30-137. Completed reclamation; reporting; certification and effect.
 Sec. 30-138. Permit termination.
 Secs. 30-139--30-155. Reserved.

Division 6. Fees

Sec. 30-156. Fee schedule.
 Secs. 30-157--30-180. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION

DIVISION 3. STANDARDS

Sec. 30-76. Standards.

All nonmetallic mining sites subject to this article shall be reclaimed in conformance with the ~~general performance~~ standards contained in Wis. Admin. Code NR 135, Subchapter II, (NR 135.05-NR 135.15), subch. II of ch. NR 135, Wisconsin Administrative Code (Wis. Admin. Code NR § 135.05 et seq.), and the technical guidance and standards for site reclamation as established in *Reclamation Standards for Non-Metallic Mines in Chippewa County* on file in the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management.

Note: The Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management has published technical guidance for site reclamation. Copies of *A Guide to Developing Reclamation Plans for Nonmetallic Mining Sites in Chippewa County, WI, (LCFM 11/17/21)* may be obtained from the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management. The guidance is also available at www.co.chippewa.wi.us/lcfm.

(Ord. No. 7-01, § 11(11.00), 7-10-2001) (Ord. No. 08-12, 03-12-2012)

Sec. 30-79. Public health, safety and welfare.

- (a) Compliance with public health, safety and welfare regulations. All nonmetallic mining sites shall be reclaimed in a manner to comply with federal, state and local regulations governing public health, safety and welfare.
- (b) Highwalls. To determine whether designated highwalls in solid bedrock are safe and stable, in a condition consistent with the post-mining land use to be achieved, and not in need of reclamation, the County may require a site specific engineering analysis be performed by a registered professional engineer to demonstrate that an acceptable slope stability factor is attainable at a steeper slope. In the alternative, the County may require the operator to install,

and manage a field test plot to demonstrate that a safe and stable condition will be achieved and that the post-mining land use specified in the reclamation plan will not be adversely affected.

(Ord. No. 7-01, § 11(11.13), 7-10-2001)

Cross references: Health, ch. 34.

Sec. 30-81. Environmental protection, zoning and land use control. ~~Compliance with environmental regulations.~~

Compliance with environmental protection, zoning and land use control regulations. Reclamation of nonmetallic mining sites shall comply with any other applicable federal, state and local laws including those related to environmental protection, zoning and land use control. Note: Other applicable environmental, zoning or land use regulations may include Wis. Admin. Code NR chs. 40, 103, 115, 116, 117, 205, 216, 269, 105, 106, 140, 150, 151, 340, 500-~~555~~, 590, and 812, Wis. Stats. chs. 23, 30, 66 and 91, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344), which may be applicable to all or part of either an existing or proposed nonmetallic mining project.

(Ord. No. 7-01, § 11(11.15), 7-10-2001)

Sec. 30-82. Surface water and wetlands protection.

Compliance with water quality standards. Nonmetallic mining reclamation shall be conducted and completed in a manner that assures compliance with water quality standards for surface waters and wetlands contained in Wis. Admin. Code NR chs. 102 through 105. Before disturbing the surface of a nonmetallic mining site and removing topsoil, all necessary measures for diversion and drainage of runoff from the site to prevent pollution of waters of the state shall be installed in accordance with the reclamation plans approved pursuant to an applicable reclamation ordinance. Diverted or channelized runoff resulting from reclamation may not adversely affect neighboring properties.

(Ord. No. 7-01, § 11(11.20), 7-10-2001)

DIVISION 4. PERMITTING

Sec. 30-102. Reclamation plan.

- (a) *Reclamation plan requirements.* All operators of nonmetallic mining sites subject to this article shall prepare and submit a reclamation plan that meets the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code NR § 135.19, including the provisions of subsections NR 135.19(1) through NR 135.19(7), and complies with the standards of NR 135, Subchapter II. ~~and specifications for plans as established in Plan Specifications for Non-Metallic Mines in Chippewa County on file in the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management.~~
- (b) *Existing mines.* The operator of any nonmetallic mining site that submits an automatic permit application in conformance with subsection 30-101(b) shall submit the reclamation plan required by subsection (a) of this section by the deadline date, which applies to each operation as follows:

TABLE INSET:

Municipal facilities.....	August 1, 2002
Zoned Municipalities (without active zoning permit).....	August 1, 2002
Zoned Municipalities (with active zoning permit).....	August 1, 2003
Unzoned Municipalities.....	August 1, 2003
Inactive Sites, Zoned and Unzoned Municipalities.....	August 1, 2004

- (c) *New mines.* The operator of any nonmetallic mining site that applies for a permit in conformance with subsection 30-101(c) shall submit the reclamation plan required by subsection (a) of this section with its application for a reclamation permit.
- (d) *Existing plans and approvals.* To avoid duplication of effort, the reclamation plan required by subsection (a) of this section may, by reference, incorporate existing plans or materials that meet the requirements of this article. Previous approvals for nonmetallic mining sites that apply in accordance with subsection 30-101(b) shall satisfy the requirements of subsection (a) of this section if they meet the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code NR § 135.21(1)(d).
- (e) *Approval of reclamation plan.* The administrative authority shall approve, conditionally approve or deny the reclamation plan submitted under this section in writing as part of permit issuance pursuant to subsection 30-105(b) for existing mines and subsection 30-105(d) for new mines. Conditional approvals of reclamation plans shall be made according to the subsection 30-105(g), and denials of reclamation plans made according to section 30-106. The operator shall keep a copy of the reclamation plan required by this section, once approved by the county under this article, at the mine site or, if not practicable, at the operator's nearest office or place of business.

(Ord. No. 7-01, § 13, 7-10-2001) (Ord. No. 08-12, 03-12-2012)

Sec. 30-103. Financial assurance.

- (a) *Financial assurance requirements.* All operators of nonmetallic mining sites in the county shall prepare and submit a proof of financial assurance of successful reclamation that meets the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code NR § 135.40.
- An eligible operator, qualifying as a company as defined under Wis. Stats. 289.41(1)(b), that seeks to meet its financial assurance obligation under the net worth test of NR 135.40(13) shall submit the data and financial information provided in the opinion of a certified public accountant, as required by NR 135.40(13)(a) through (e), and Wis. Stats. 289.41(4), (5) and (6).
- (b) *Existing mines.* The operator of any nonmetallic mining site that applies for an automatic reclamation permit in conformance with subsection 30-101(b) shall submit the proof of financial assurance required by subsection (a) of this section no later than the deadline date for reclamation plan submittal as specified in subsection 30-102(a).
- (c) *New mines.* The operator of any nonmetallic mining site that applies for a reclamation permit in conformance with subsection 30-101(c) shall submit the proof of financial assurance required by subsection (a) of this section as specified in the reclamation permit issued to it under this article.
- (d) *Public nonmetallic mining.* The financial assurance requirements of this section do not apply to

nonmetallic mining conducted by the state, a state agency, board, commission or department, or a municipality.

(Ord. No. 7-01, § 14, 7-10-2001)

Sec. 30-111. Review.

Any permitting decision or action made by the county under this article may be reviewed as set forth in Wis. Admin. Code NR § 135.30.

Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code NR § 135.30, and notwithstanding ss. 68.001, 68.03(8) and (9), 68.06 and 68.10(1)(b), Stats., any person who meets the requirements of s. 227.42(1), Stats., may obtain a contested case hearing under s. 68.11, Stats., on the county's decision to issue, deny, or modify a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code NR s.135.43(2), and notwithstanding ss. 68.001, 68.03(8) and (9), 68.06 and 68.10(1)(b), Stats., a person holding a reclamation permit who is subject to an order issued under Wis. Admin. Code NR sec. 135.43(1)(a) and (b), may obtain a contested case hearing under s. 68.11, Stats.

A contested case hearing under this article shall be conducted by an impartial decision maker provided by the County. The impartial decision maker may be a licensed attorney, administrative law judge, or retired circuit court judge; or an officer, committee, board, commission or the governing body who did not participate in making or reviewing the initial determination. In addition to conducting the hearing, the person shall make the decision on the administrative appeal. In the alternative, the County may provide that the impartial person, committee, board or commission designated to conduct the hearing shall report to the decision maker, as set forth in s. 68.11(2), Stats.

(Ord. No. 7-01, § 22, 7-10-2001)

Secs. 30-112--30-130. Reserved.

2. That these ordinance amendments shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee.

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November 11, 2021

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Subject: Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance Review: Chapter 30 Article II

Dear Mr. Masterpole,

This letter is in response to the November 08, 2021 submitted Chippewa County ordinance revision proposal to Chapter 30 Article II: Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation. As required in ss. NR 135.45 and 135.46, Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) shall review nonmetallic mining ordinances (including amendments) and provide a written determination of compliance. Submitted sections proposed to be revised and subject to DNR review include:

- 30-76 – Standards
- 30-79 – Public health, safety and welfare
- 30-81 – Compliance with environmental regulations
- 30-82 – Surface water and wetlands protections
- 30-102 – Reclamation plan
- 30-103 – Financial assurance
- 30-111 – Review

Only the proposed language for each section was considered. Existing language of the ordinance in each section of the proposal was not included in the review. Below are our findings:

30-76 – Standards

The proposed language is consistent with s. NR 135 Subchapter II, WI Adm. Code.

30-79 – Public health, safety and welfare

Section (a): The proposed language is consistent with ss. NR 135.06(3), Wis. Adm. Code.

Section (b): The proposed language is consistent with s. NR 135.10, Wis. Adm. Code. It is unclear why this section is needed since it is covered elsewhere in the ordinance.

30-81 – Compliance with environmental regulations

Section Title: The title is derived from language used in s. NR135.06(5), Wis. Adm. Code.

Section (a): This is consistent with s. NR 135.06(5), Wis. Adm. Code.

30-82 – Surface water and wetlands protections

Section (a): This is consistent with s. NR135.07, Wis. Adm. Code.

30-102 – Reclamation plan

Section (a): The proposed language is consistent with s. NR135.19, Wis. Adm. Code

30-103 – Financial Assurance

Section (a): This is consistent with s. NR135.40(13), Wis. Adm. Code.

30-111 – Review

Language used is consistent with sections ss. NR 135.30 and 135.43(2), Wis. Adm. Code.

All proposed revisions appear to provide clarity and consistency with ch. NR 135, Wis. Adm. Code. The reference to guidance documents developed by the county is allowable and recommended to be consistent with reclamation requirements in ch. NR 135, Wis. Adm. Code.

Sincerely,



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Overview of Proposed Revisions to the Chippewa County Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance

**Chippewa County Board of
Supervisors
12/14/21**

D. Masterpole

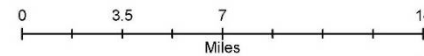
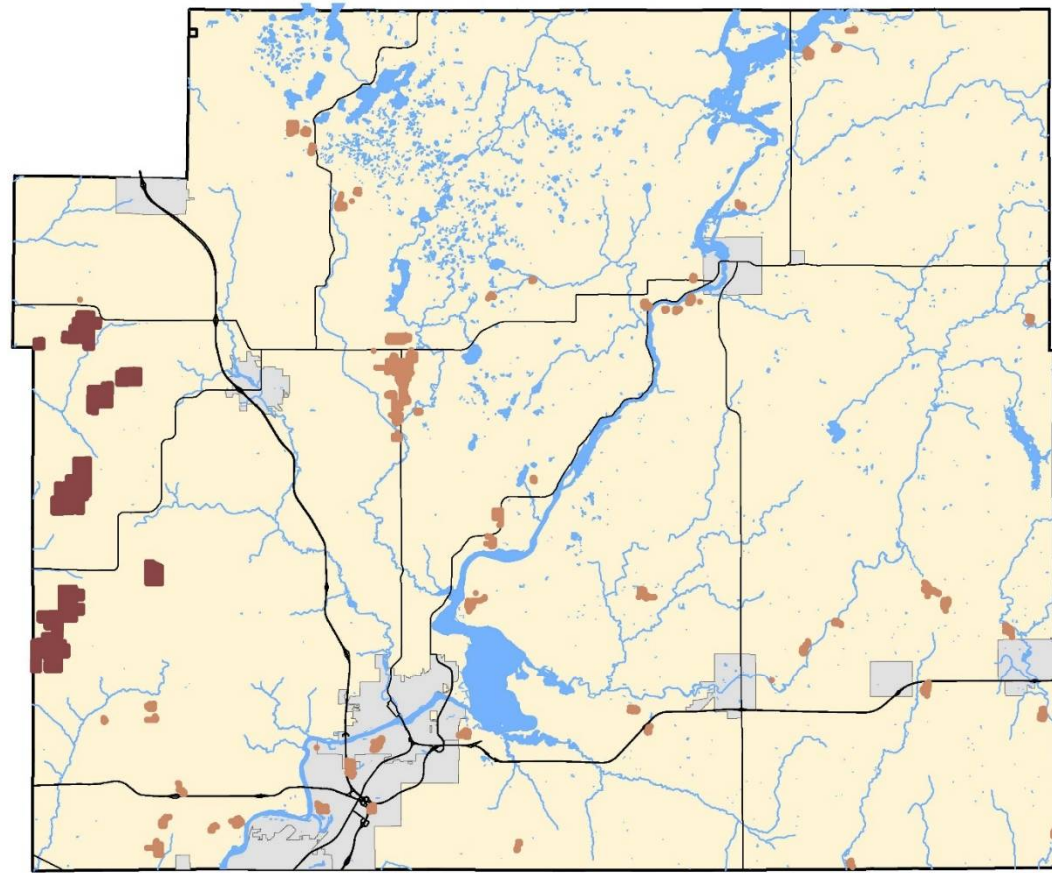
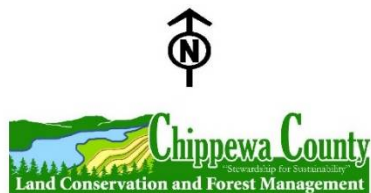
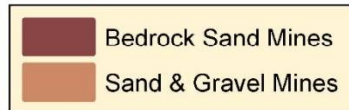
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Location of Permitted Non-Metallic Mines Meeting State NR-135 Reclamation Standards

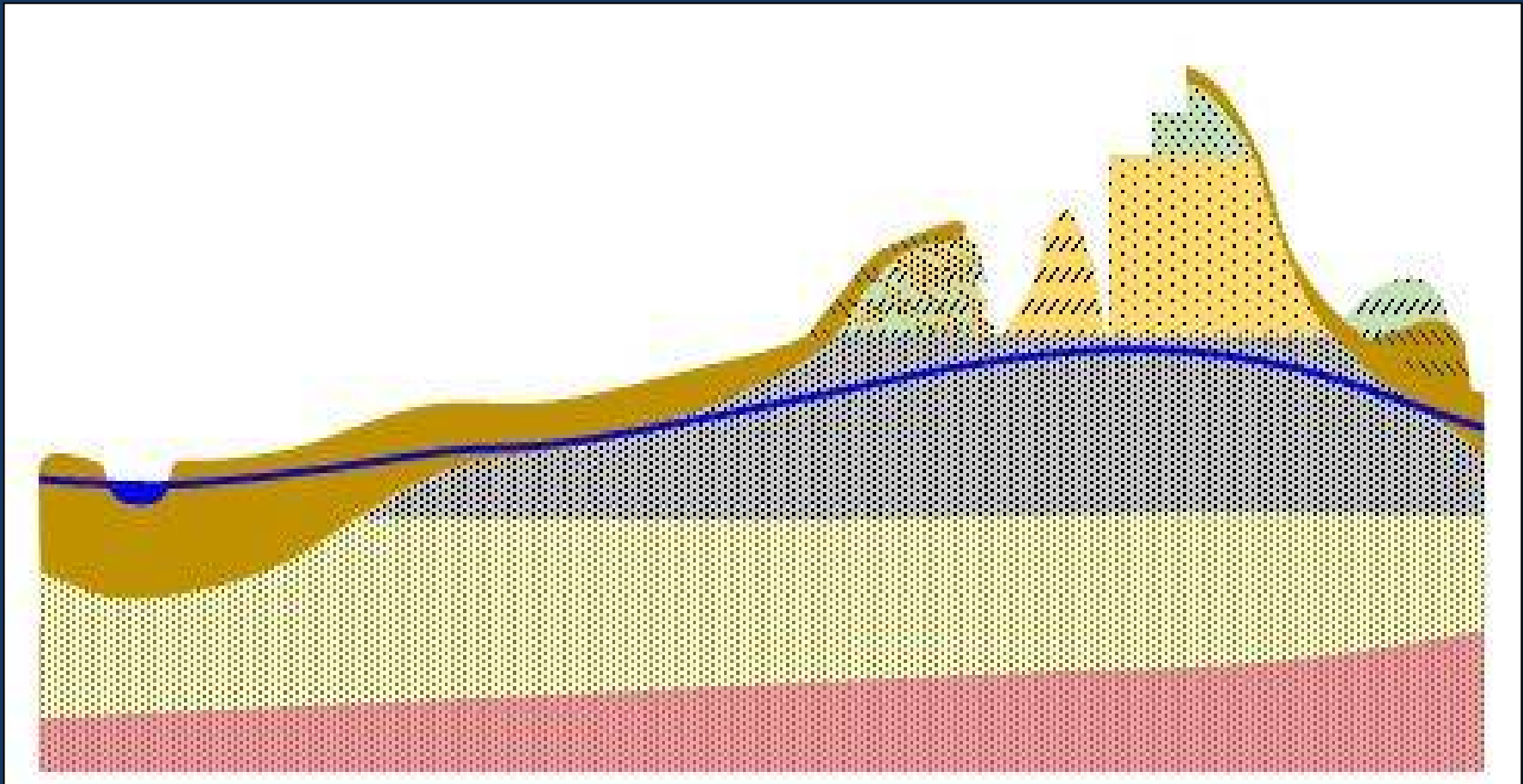


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Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord.



Process for Ordinance Revision

9/25/19 - 10/20/20	Conducted LCFM policy review & scoping
10/21/20 - 8/19/21	Drafted revised ord. & completed legal review (internal & external)
8/19/21	Submitted to DNR for formal review (NR 135.45)
9/3/21 - 9/15/21	Issued public notice & held public hearing
11/17/21	Completed final revisions; changes adopted by LCFM Committee

Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord.



What changed?

- Added or changed language to better describe Section Titles
- Added language to clarify adm. procedures & requirements
- Provided cross references to State Laws & Adm. Rules to clarify requirements for public safety & environmental protection
- Added explanatory note to reference recommended administrative guidance

Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord.



Added or changed language to better describe Section Titles

- Made minor changes to the titles of Ordinance Sections & Subsections

-Sec. 30-79

-Sec. 30-81

-Sec. 30-81(a)

-Sec. 30-82

Why?

To better describe the purpose of sections

Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord.



Added language to clarify administrative procedures & requirements

- Added language to clarify how the “net worth option” can be applied to provide financial assurance
-Sec. 30-103
- Added language to clarify process for adm. review of a County decision to issue, deny or modify a non-metallic mining reclamation permit
-Sec. 30-111

Why?

To assure consistency under NR 135.40 and Wis. Stats. 289.41

To provide clarity & assure consistency under NR 135.30 and Wis. Stats. 68 & 227

Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord.



Provided cross references to State Laws & Adm. Rules

- Added language to clarify methods to assure the stability of highwalls in compliance with requirements of NR 135.10(1)
 - Sec. 30-79(b)
- Added language to more explicitly cross reference applicable State rules:
 - (Storm water mgnt., Ag. standards, Weed control, Etc.)
 - Sec. 30-81(b)

Why?

To better clarify requirements for public safety & environmental protection under State laws

Overview of Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord.



Added explanatory note to reference recommended administrative guidance titled: A Guide to Developing Reclamation Plans for Nonmetallic Mining Sites in Chippewa County, Wisconsin

Why?

- To better clarify the type & detail of information, as recommended for reclamation planning
- To better clarify “evaluation criteria”, as recommended to measure and monitor reclamation..... to determine when a mine has been “successfully reclaimed”

Overview of Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord.



A Guide to Developing Reclamation Plans for Nonmetallic Mining Sites in Chippewa County, Wisconsin

-Appendix A – Reclamation Plan Checklist and Code Citations

-Appendix B – Plan Specifications for Nonmetallic Mines in Chippewa Co.

-Appendix C – Reclamation Guidance for Nonmetallic Mines in Chippewa Co.

Appendix D – Plan Content, Specifications & Engineering Recommendations for Nonmetallic Mine Construction in Bedrock

Overview of Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord.



A Guide to Developing Reclamation Plans for Nonmetallic Mining Sites in Chippewa County, Wisconsin

- Appendix E – General Categories of Commonly Applied Post Mining Land Uses and Associated Cover Types for Use in Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation
- Appendix F – Standardized Criteria & Performance Measures to be Applied to Post Mining Land Uses and Associated Land Cover Types to Determine Successful Reclamation
- Appendix G – Examples of Performance Measures & Possible Benchmarks for Evaluating Reclamation Success, as Applied to Commonly Applied Land Uses and Associated Cover Types

Overview of Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord. What Changed?



Appendix E

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GENERAL CATEGORIES OF COMMONLY APPLIED POST MINING LAND USES AND ASSOCIATED COVER TYPES FOR USE IN NON-METALLIC MINE RECLAMATION

POST MINING LAND USE	SUB-CATEGORY	LAND COVER TYPE/PLANT COMMUNITY	MGNT APPROACH/INTENSITY
Conservation Lands ①			
Conservation/Ecological Use	Public Inst.	Forest/Woodland	Defined in soil rehabilitation & vegetation management plan
		Grassland/Prairie	
		Grassland/Prairie/Forest Savannah	
	Private Inst.	Wet/Sedge Meadow	
		Surface water; Shallow Ponded/Deep Ponded	
		Other	
Working Lands ②			
Forest Production		Even aged species	Defined in soil rehabilitation & vegetation management plan
		Mixed aged species	
		Other	
Agricultural Production		Pasture	Defined in soil rehabilitation & vegetation management plan
		Perennial Forage - Conservation Cover	
		Perennial Forage - Hay	
		Cultivated Cropland; Forage Rotation	
		Cultivated Cropland; Row Crop	
		Other	

Overview of Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord. What Changed?



Developed Lands					
Residential		Low Density			Defined in Site Development Plan
		Med. Density			
		High Density			
Commercial		Low Intensity			Defined in Site Development Plan
		Med. Intensity			
		High Intensity			
Industrial		Low Intensity			Defined in Site Development Plan
		Med. Intensity			
		High Intensity			
Institutional		Public Inst.			Defined in Site Development Plan
		Private Inst.			
Any other proposed land use category, as defined in an approved comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance, as agreed to by the permitted mine operator and County.				Any other proposed land cover type/plant community, as agreed to by the permitted mine operator and County.	

① To determine successful reclamation, the recommended evaluation period for post mining land uses reclaimed as conservation lands and associated cover types, is anticipated to extend from 3-5 years, commencing the first year after planting.

② To determine successful reclamation, the recommended evaluation period for post mining land uses reclaimed as working lands and associated cover types, is anticipated to extend from 5-7 years, commencing the first year after planting.

Overview of Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord. What Changed?



APPENDIX F

STANDARDIZED CRITERIA & PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO BE APPLIED TO POST MINING LAND USES AND ASSOCIATED LAND COVER TYPES TO DETERMINE SUCCESSFUL RECLAMATION

STANDARDIZED CRITERIA & PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO BE APPLIED TO POST MINING LAND USES AND ASSOCIATED LAND COVER TYPES TO DETERMINE SUCCESSFUL RECLAMATION

STANDARDIZED CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SUCCESSFUL RECLAMATION	QUANTIFIABLE PERFORMANCE MEASURES
Site stability	
Sheet & rill erosion	% area of field surface w/rills & deposition
Channel & gully erosion	% area of concentrated flows w/channel erosion
Mass wasting	% area of field surface & highwall unstable
Plant density and species diversity	
Plant density	1. % ground covered by planted & volunteer species 2. Volume by weight or mass of planted & volunteer species, if applicable
Species diversity	% presence of planted & volunteer species
Noxious weeds & invasive plant species	% presence of each type; noxious weed & invasive plant species

Overview of Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord. What Changed?



Soil chemistry	
Soil acidity	pH
Macro nutrient fertility	Concentration of N-P-K (ppm)
Soil organic matter	% O.M.
Soil physical characteristics	
Soil depth	% of original A & B soil horizon depth, measured in comparison to soil survey mapping unit
Soil permeability	Soil permeability measured using 6" infiltration ring (inches/hr)
Plant rooting depth	Minimum soil depth to support unrestricted root growth for selected cover type, as defined in soil rehabilitation & vegetation management plan
Other alternative criteria, as agreed to by the permitted mine operator and County	Other quantifiable performance measures, as agreed to by the permitted mine operator and County

Overview of Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ord. What Changed?



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We would be pleased to address any questions.

