

MINUTES

Portage County CIP/Economic Development Committee
April 15, 2019 – 8:00 am – Conference Room 5 – County Annex

Members Present: Haga, Dodge, B. Jacowski, Jankowski, and Raikowski

Others Present: David Ray, Corporation Counsel; Bill Scholfield, Scholfield Group; Ryan Rose, Parks Director; Todd Kuckkahn, Portage County Business Council; Dave Ladick, Dist. 7 Supervisor; Chris Holman, County Executive; Corey Ladick, Stevens Point Comptroller-Treasurer; and Michael Ostrowski, Stevens Point Community Development Director

Staff Present: Jeff Schuler and Paula Cummings, County Planning and Zoning; and Jenni Jossie, Finance Director

1. Call to Order

Chairman Haga called the meeting to order at 8:00 am in Conference Room 5.

2. Members of the Public Who Wish to Address the Committees on Specific Agenda Items Must Register Their Request at This Time, With Such Comments Subject to the Reasonable Control of the Committee Chair as Set Forth in Robert's Rules of Order

No one registered to speak.

3. Director's Reports:

- Capital Improvements – Jossie notified members of the following upcoming meeting dates: June 13 – proposed CIP presentation; July 11 – discussion of proposed CIP Plan; and August 1 – adopt CIP Plan, which would then go on to the August County Board meeting.
- Economic Development / Business Park Update – Schuler – Schuler had no update at this time.

4. Discussion and Action on Minutes of March 26, 2019

With no discussion necessary, Raikowski moved approval of the March 26, 2019 minutes as written and B. Jacowski seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution Approving the Addition of a Jordan Park Dam Capital Improvement Project and a 2019 Budget Adjustment

Jossie noted she provided background information on this item to members at their March 26 CIP/EDC meeting. The Jordan Park Dam was found to need repairs after an evaluation performed last year. Based on this outcome, the best option is to apply for grant funds this fall, which requires a repair plan and the project moved up to 2019 from 2020. Funding would come from revenue generated by the dam, a 50% DNR grant reimbursement, if successfully awarded, and CIP funding. If the grant award is unsuccessful, the County will have to pay for all repairs.

Haga asked the firm that would be developing the repair plan. Rose stated he spoke to the DNR regarding the firm Becher-Hoppe and was told they are good to work with and detailed. B. Jacowski asked if the disrepair is causing imminent danger and Rose replied no. Haga asked if there was dam seepage. Rose said the limestone has some seepage and new gates are needed. Haga asked if the repair will include upgrades as well and Rose stated yes.

With no further discussion needed, B. Jacowski moved to approve a resolution regarding the addition of a Jordan Park Dam capital improvement project, including a 2019 budget amendment. Motion seconded by Dodge and passed by voice vote.

5. Enter into Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the potential sale of public properties and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Deliberation and Negotiation for the Possible Sale of Real Estate the County Owns in the Portage County Business Park

B. Jacowski moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec 19.85(1)(e) and Raikowski seconded the motion. Closed session began at 8:08 am by unanimous roll call vote.

6. Reconvene into Open Session Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(2) for Discussion/Possible Action on the Aforementioned Closed Session Item, if Necessary

Jankowski moved to reconvene into open session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(2) and B. Jacowski seconded the motion. Meeting reconvened at 8:53 am by unanimous roll call vote.

a. Action on Item 5 by CIP/EDC

No action taken on agenda item 5.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving a Portage County Business Park Listing Contract Extension with Scholfield Group, LLC

Dodge moved approval of the Business Park listing contract extension with Scholfield Group, LLC and Raikowski seconded the motion.

Scholfield noted he would be meeting with a possible buyer who is a small office user that wants to subdivide a smaller lot. A small medical group is another potential buyer within Portage Park Centre. He then referred to the number of internet hits through the month of March with that number being 11,000. Of those hits, there were 37 actual information studies, and five printed data. Scholfield stated that represents increased activity related to interest in the park.

Haga asked if those five that printed data and decided to pass on a land purchase had expressed any concerns. Scholfield replied the land price is favorable and said one was from a valley-based company in a rental building in Wisconsin Rapids. Scholfield noted he would contact Pavelski and Investors Community Bank as to their intent relative to vacant land they own. Scholfield felt he was seeing good action on the park's land.

Motion on floor passed by voice vote.

9. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, B. Jacowski moved to adjourn and Jankowski seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Haga, Chair

Paula Cummings, Recording Sec.

Date