

**Unofficial Until Approved**  
**Town of Calamus**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**October 14, 2003**

Members Present: Chairman John Kirchberg, Supervisor 1 John Kraus, Jr., Supervisor 2 Lucille Miller, Clerk Marjorie Beilke, Treasurer Marian Haas.

Called to Order: at 7:05pm by Chairman John Kirchberg

Meeting Notice Posted: on October 8, 2003 at the Schultz's Cheese Haus, Town Hall and Dodge County Coop. Published in the Daily Citizen on October 9, 2003

Minutes: John Kraus, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Lucille Miller to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2003 Board Meeting as presented.

Treasurers Report: A report for the total of \$133,835.95 was presented by Treasurer Marian Haas and approved as presented with a motion from John Kirchberg, seconded by John Kraus, Jr. A full report is on file.

Questions or comments from Town Residents: John Kraus Jr. asked the board if United Cooperative could buy their salt through the township as their past supplier would no longer handle it for them. Chairman Kirchberg asked Mr. Kraus, Jr. to get information from Dodge County to see if possible and how it would be billed.

Agenda:

Discussion and decision on changes needed on approved Letter of Intent for Robert and Brent Lepple: Joel Lepple informed the board that Dodge County Planning and Development would not allow livestock in the outbuildings at the proposed land division at W10188 E. Salem Road unless there was at least ten acres. Joel Lepple stated that Associated Appraisal told him they would assess the division as agricultural, not as a rural residential if there were livestock in the barn. Joel Lepple showed the board and Planning and Development Committee the proposed change of boundaries. After Planning Committee deliberations, Planning Chairman Scott Steers recommended approval with a deed restriction stating that this 10-acre parcel will not be further subdivided. A motion was made by John Kirchberg to allow the changes to an approximate 10-acre land division with the deed restriction on the residential parcel stating that there will be no further land divisions. Lucille Miller made a second to the motion. Call of voice votes, all aye, no nay, motion carried.

Discussion and decision with Beaver Dam Conservationists, Inc. regarding the graveling of Burns Road: Because there was no representative for the Beaver Dam Conservationists, Inc. a motion to table was made by John Kraus, Jr., seconded by John Kirchberg.

[Discussion and decision with the Lost Lake Preservation Association regarding shelter improvements:](#) Mr. Phillip Guenther, representative for the LLPA, stated that their association has so far spent \$4,800.00 in materials for this shelter and has yet to put in the electric. This has put the Association short in their finances and he asked the town board for \$1,500.00 to help cover their expenses. Mr. Guenther stated that the association discussed the rental of this shelter and it was their decision to allow association members to rent and to charge \$50.00 with \$25.00 returned as deposit. The association would retain the \$25.00 for furnishing the electric and the general upkeep of the shelter. Chairman Kirchberg questioned if town residents would be able to rent. Mr. Guenther stated that town residents could rent for the same fee.

Chairman Kirchberg opened the floor for discussion:

Marge Beilke asked for some receipts.

Jim Kmiec stated that if this is for the general fund then the LLPA members should make up the difference.

John Wedel stated that at the annual meeting the agreement was that there would be no cost to the town and he felt the taxpayers should not have to pay.

Wally Haas stated that this was decided on at an annual meeting and there is no money in the budget for this.

Scott Steers questioned why the board would give money and the LLPA would receive the fees for rental of the shelter.

Chairman Kirchberg closed the floor from further discussion and a motion was made by John Kraus, Jr. to adjourn any funding requests until the Annual Meeting of the Town Electors, Lucille Miller made a second to the motion. Call of voice votes: all aye, no nay, motion carried.

[Discussion and decision on the request of the Department of Natural resources to use ditch plug and scrapes to restore wetland habitat in sections 16 and 29:](#) Eric Loebner from the DNR stated that since the major floods of the Mississippi valley of 1993 the federal government has provided funds to states to restore glacial wetland habitat in the Mississippi drainage area to help hold water and help prevent such a disaster in the future. A condition of this federal grant money is that the restoration work must remain for a minimum of 10 years.

Mr. Loebner presented the proposal for the DNR parcel in section 16 along N. Salem Road. He stated that this property is ideal for wetland restoration as it is made up of hydrex soil, which is extremely permeable, and the scrapes and blocked ditches are contained within DNR land and would have no effect to surrounding agricultural land. He further stated that the main ditch bordering the property would remain open, and because the scrapes would be able to hold more water, this would allow a longer time for the main ditch to drain.

Chairman Kirchberg opened the floor for discussion. Linda Anthes asked if the DNR would clean out the main ditch to allow for better drainage of surrounding farmland. Mr. Loebner responded that the ditch elevations were “shot” with a laser level and found the ditch is lower than the culvert at the road and to clean out the ditch would be a waste of time and money. It was stated that the ditch has not been cleaned out since 1970. Mr. Loebner admitted that he would need to find the funds to clean the ditch as it is not the policy of the DNR to clean ditches, but if found necessary the DNR would consider it as a “good neighbor” policy. Barbara Schneider asked what is the capacity of the wetland

scrapes. Mr. Loebner stated that the scrapes would be an acre in size with 3 feet of water in an average year, the total flood storage potential is 6-8" over 45 acres. It is thought that the lifespan of the scrape would be a minimum of 25 years, depending on the sedimentation from upstream. Chairman Kirchberg stated that the board would wish that the main ditch be maintained and asked for the ditch on the other side of the culvert be "shot" to determine if lowering the culvert and cleaning out the main ditch would help drainage. Mr. Loebner stated it would be difficult with his current time constraints, but agreed to have the further studies done by next board meeting. A motion to postpone decision until next board meeting was made by John Kraus, Jr., seconded by Lucille Miller, call of voice votes: all aye, no nay, motion carried. Clerk is to inform Dodge County Planning and Development that the board recommendation of this restoration project is on hold for further study.

Mr. Loebner then presented the wetland restoration proposal for land owned by Ron Herzberg in section 29. This proposal included one ditch plug and scrape and would be totally contained on the Herzberg property, having no effect on adjoining property. A motion to approve this wetland restoration proposal was made by John Kraus, Jr., seconded by Lucille Miller, call of votes: all aye, no nay, motion carried.

**Discussion on Mobile Home Park Violations:** Three citations are scheduled in Dodge County Circuit court on Monday, October 20, 2003 at 1:30pm. John Kraus, Jr. and Attorney Lan Waddell will represent the town. Defendants are Jack Rueckert of Lakeside Mobile Home Park Lot 9, Azucena Ontiveros of Lakeside Mobile Home Park Lot 15, and Dioniso Zavala of Maple Grove Mobile Home Park Lot 1.

Chairman Kirchberg informed the board that Lot 16 of Maple Grove was given an extension until October 14, 2003 to install new skirting, remove the outside storage and remove unlicensed car on blocks or appear before the board at this October meeting. Because neither has been done, the attorney will issue a citation. Also Lot 31 was to have the steps repaired, which has not been done, so the attorney will issue a citation. Clerk Beilke is to send a notice of violation to Lot 34 for outside storage, and for Lakeside Mobile Home Park: Lot 16 for outside storage and more than 2 vehicles, Lot 15 a letter of violation for outside storage, and Lot 2 a letter of violation for 5 vehicles parked on site.

**Final reading and public hearing on the Town of Calamus Animal Control Ordinance:** Chairman Kirchberg opened the floor to public comment, with no response. A motion was made by John Kirchberg to adopt the Animal Control Ordinance as presented with a second to the motion made by John Kraus, Jr. call votes: all aye, no nay, motion carried. Clerk is to publish a notice in the Daily Citizen.

**Review of snowplow list:** board reviewed and approved the driveway snowplow list as presented.

**Report from Driveway Inspector:** request for a driveway completion date extension for John Kirchberg was approved until October of 2004.

**Discuss 2004 Budget and schedule Budget Hearing:** After the board worked out a budget to present at the budget hearing, the hearing was scheduled for November 11, 2004 at 7:00pm. Clerk is to publish notice and post summary.

Correspondence received by Chairman and Clerk:

Columbus Rural Fire Group meeting and budget hearing at October 23, 2003 at 8:00pm, Clerk is to post notice.

Wisconsin Department for Administration notice of final estimate of January 1, 2003 population of 1,016

Wisconsin Department of Revenue estimate of 2004 total shared revenue payment of \$42,792

Wisconsin Department of Revenue re-estimate of November 17, 2003 shared revenue payment of \$46,165

Dodge County Planning and Development:

Notice of public hearing on October 6, 2003 on the application of the Wisconsin DNR for a blanket conditional use permit to construct a wetland scrape and 1 ditch plug on the Ron Herzberg property in the SW ¼, SE ¼ Section 29, and to construct 2 wetland scrapes, 4 ditch plugs and remove 2 culverts in the DNR Property in the SE ¼ Section 16.

Notice of public hearing of Monday, October 20, 2003 on the petition of Mike Derr to rezone land from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of creating a 12-acre non-farm residential parcel in the SE ¼, SW ¼ Section 22.

Notice of Public Hearing of October 20, 2003 on the petition of Dodge County Planning and Development Committee to amend the Maximum Lot coverage Percentage, create Subsection 5.1.2 (M) to establish a maximum single assessor building size, Section 12.2, add the definition of Custom Harvesting Firms, amend Table 3.6-1 to allow custom harvesting firms as a conditional use in the A-2 Zoning District and a permitted use in the I-2 Zoning District and allow ponds as a permitted use under Table 3.6-1

New Building Number Assignment of N5207 County Road S for William and Nancy Parkhurst

Minor Land Division Letter of Intent Form for Mike Derr to create a residential parcel in the SE ¼ SW ¼ of section 22

Minor Land Division Letter of Intent Form for MSA Professional Services, applicant for Gene and Audrey Benike to create 3 lots at W11025 County Road S

Approved Land Use Permit Application for Tim and Karen Luey to construct a shed at W11116 Highway S

Approved Land Use Permit Application for Dale McCaffery to construct a home in the NW ¼, NW ¼ Section 19

Approved revised plan Land Use Permit Application of Edward Klapper to create and addition, attached garage and deck at N6040 Hwy 151

Adopted resolution granting moor land division request for Robert Lepple #2003-1020

Wisconsin Department of Transportation reminder of December 15, 2003 deadline for pavement ratings

Wisconsin department of Natural Resources Forest Tax and Stewardship News

American Planning Associations letter and resolution draft supporting the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan

Wisconsin Bureau of Waste Management Recycling News

Wisconsin Towns Association notice of meeting on October 15, 2003 to 8:00pm

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**Bills** for a total of \$4,412.39 were approved as presented with a motion from John Kirchberg, seconded by John Kraus, Jr.

**Next Board Meeting:** scheduled for November 11, 2004 to start after the Budget Hearing, approximately 7:30pm.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 11:15 pm with a motion from John Kraus, Jr., seconded by Lucille Miller.

October 21, 2003

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Marjorie Beilke, Clerk