

**Lincoln County Land Services Committee
Minutes of Thursday, January 15, 2026 3:30pm
Lincoln County Service Center, Room #257**

(Meeting recording is available on the Lincoln County website: co.lincoln.wi.us)

MEMBERS PRESENT In-Person: Marty Lemke, Bill Bialecki, Greg Hartwig, Julie DePasse, Don Dunphy, Dean Lemke, and Andy Zelinski

MEMBERS PRESENT Virtual: none

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Detert (Excused)

DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF In-Person: Mike Huth (Land Services Administrator), Sarah Koss (Register of Deeds), Thomas Boisvert (Conservation Program Manager), Elizabeth Peronto (Program Assistant), and Nathan Sennett (GIS Specialist)

DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF Virtual: Norm Bushor (Land Information Program Manager)

VISITORS In-Person: none

VISITORS Virtual: One individual (Unknown)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Call Meeting to Order – Meeting was called to order by Chair Lemke at 3:31pm.
2. Roll Call – Detert absent (excused). All other members present.
3. Adopt Agenda – M/S Bialecki/DePasse to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.
4. December 11, 2025 LSC Meeting Minutes –
M/S Hartwig/Zelinski to approve the 12/11/2025 minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.
5. Public Comment – There was none.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6. Register of Deeds
 - a) Monthly Financial Reports – Koss presented the reports. There was no discussion.
 - b) Monthly Written Reports – Koss presented the reports. There was no discussion.
 - c) Travel Expense Report – Koss presented the travel expense report.
M/S Zelinski/Dunphy to approve the Travel Expense Report as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.
7. Land Services
 - a) Administrator Department/Programs Report – Huth and Boisvert presented the report. There was no discussion.
 - b) Monthly Financial Reports – Huth presented the report. Discussion occurred regarding unknown reference numbers on the report. DePasse stated that she would find out from finance and bring it back to the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

8. Agency Updates – APHIS – 2025 Wildlife Damage Claims – Austin Dodge presented the wildlife damage claims. Discussion occurred regarding public access for hunting purposes on properties in the wildlife damage program. Dodge passed around the Wildlife Damage Claim form for signatures from the Land Services Committee.

M/S Bialecki/Hartwig to approve the 2025 Wildlife Damage Claims as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

9. Resolution 2026- ### - NextGen 911 GIS Grant Program – Wis. Stats. 256.35(3s)(br)- – Bushor presented the grant proposal, resolution, timeline, and intended utilization. Discussion occurred regarding the 5% matching funds. Bushor confirmed that the 5% will come out of the retained fees and not tax levy.

M/S DePasse/Zelinski to accept the grant funds as presented and forward resolution to the County Board. Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. 2026 WI Land+Water Annual Dues – Boisvert presented Lincoln County's involvement with WI Land+Water and how the county benefits from this partnership. Boisvert further explained the different levels and options of annual membership.

M/S DePasse/Bialecki to approve the 2026 WI Land+Water Dues as presented as well as adding \$65 for the WI Environthon. Motion carried on a voice vote.

11. Stream Crossing Inventory Presentation – Boisvert presented the 2025 Stream Crossing Inventory progress. Discussion occurred.

12. Request for a Water Resources Technician – LTE (Grant Funded) – Huth and Boisvert presented the staffing request. Discussion occurred.

M/S Hartwig/Dunphy to approve the request for a Water Resources Technician - LTE. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Dean Lemke left the meeting at 4:25pm.

13. The Committee may consider a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(f), considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, to wit: Consideration and discussion of Board of Adjustment Member application.

M/S Zelinski/DePasse to go into closed session to include Mike Huth and Elizabeth Peronto.

Committee Member	Vote
Bill Bialecki	Aye
Julie DePasse	Aye
Randy Detert	Absent
Donald Dunphy	No
Greg Hartwig	Aye
Marty Lemke	Aye
Andy Zelinski	Aye

14. Reconvene into open session and take any necessary action from the closed session.

M/S Hartwig/DePasse to reconvene into open session.

Committee Member	Vote
Bill Bialecki	Aye
Julie DePasse	Aye
Randy Detert	Absent
Donald Dunphy	Aye
Greg Hartwig	Aye
Marty Lemke	Aye
Andy Zelinski	Aye

M/S Hartwig/DePasse to recommend Monte Lamer to the County Board to fill the Board of Adjustment position of Alternate. Motion carried on a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. Future Agenda Items – 2 Public Hearing Items plus regular business.
16. Confirm next meeting/public hearing date – The next meeting will be February 12, 2026 at 3:30pm with the public hearing to being at 4:00pm.
17. Adjourn – M/S Hartwig/DePasse to adjourn at 4:39pm Motion carried on a voice vote.

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Peronto