

## BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Land Management Committee

Date of the Meeting: Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Chair Max Weiss called the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

**Land Management Committee Members Present:** Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. Dwight Ruff, Mr. Chris Lindstrom, Mr. Gary Stanton, Mr. Joe Bragger-Citizen Farmer. Absent-Mr. John Sendelbach was excused.

**Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting:** Mr. Cale Severson, Mr. Brock Lederman, Mr. Briar Golden, Ms. Margo Traun, Mr. Nathan Machula, Mr. Ron Jaspersen

**Public Comments regarding Posted Agenda Items:** None.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Previous Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Ruff motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action for a Resolution Regarding Foreign Ownership of Farmland:** Mr. Severson had been in conversation with Mr. Lee Engfer regarding similar resolutions that had been passed in other counties. The Committee expressed interest in carrying this forward. Mr. Ruff motioned to approve the resolution and seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action for Filling the Zoning Technician:** Mr. Severson spoke that the Department restructure is progressing and there is need to backfill the Zoning Technician. Mr. Ruff motioned to approve filling the position, second by Mr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Approval of Contracts for Land Conservation Projects:** Mr. Severson presented the cost share contracts for signed contracts with landowners working with the SWRM funding from DATCP. Mr. Bragger motioned to approve, Seconded by Mr. Ruff. Roll call vote-all yes. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding an Award of CapX of \$1,000 to MVC for Angels Bluff Burn.** Mr. Severson presented the application to award the final \$1,000 to MVC for Angel's Bluff. They had received \$9,000 previously and were eligible for \$10,000 per landowner as dictated by the CapX rules. Motion to approve by Mr. Bragger, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Motion carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Drone Purchase Discussion:** Mr. Severson spoke on the topic of buying a drone to assist in Non Metallic Mining Regulation. Mr. Krumrie went over the details of the drone and technology to go with it. Mr. Severson

stated that the funds were available in the NMM account and that this technology would be extremely useful into the future. Mr. Ruff motioned to approve up to \$33,000 for the purchase. Mr. Lindstrom seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried.

**Review/Discussion regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan:** Mr. Golden spoke on the update that is needed and presented several options available. The Committee discussed the options and next steps.

**Surveyor's Report:** Mr. Jasperson explained field work for Milton is done, but there is still office work to be done. There was discussion on Maxville and Canton re-monumentation.

**GIS/LIO Report:** Mr. Machula discussed WG Xtreme site being retired, and that the new in-house system is up and working with modifications being made. There was discussion on road names and reporting roads that are not passable to delivery companies that utilize online mapping applications.

**Land Management Director/ County Conservationist Report:** Mr. Severson has been speaking with Trout Unlimited and NRCS regarding utilizing State DATCP SWRM dollars as match for RCPP Federal dollars for future habitat work in the County as SWRM dollars accomplish RCPP objectives. He will amend the pledge letter to NRCS to account for dollars spent in the next 5 years to account for what will be matched by Buffalo County.

**Chairperson Report:** Mr. Weiss spoke on Maxville and Canton re-monumentation

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Next Meeting Date and Time:** The next meeting date and time will be September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Public Comments Not Related to Agenda Items:** none

**Adjournment:** Mr. Stanton made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 a.m., Mr. Lindstrom seconded. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cale Severson  
Land Management Director/County Conservationist