

LAND AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 3:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Allen.

ROLL CALL: Present – Keith Allen, Alan Jaques, Charles Glazman, Scott Luostari, Joseph Moen. Others present – Steve Roberts, Tom Prestby (remote), David Grandmaison (remote), Gus Omundson, Crash Carlson, Shelley Nelson (remote), Andy Hinickle (remote), Ashley Vande Voort (remote), Jason Serck, Mark Liebaert, Carolyn Pierce, Susan Sandvick, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Jaques, second Glazman, to approve the minutes for the December 28, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Requests from City of Superior: To Purchase Property (Site of Combined Sewer Treatment Plant) Owned by Douglas County and Leased to City of Superior: Jason Serck, City of Superior Planning, Economic Development and Port Director, Steve Roberts, Environmental Services Director, working on infrastructure improvements to property, and makes sense for City to purchase at this time. Appraisal came in at \$140,000 (10.56 acres).

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Jaques, second Luostari, to approve sale to City of Superior at cost of \$140,000, and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

For Payment of Community Development Fund Mortgage in the Amount of \$14,510.07 on Tax Deeded Property Located at 2121 Wyoming Avenue: The City of Superior failed to get notice of the tax deed, and property had CDBG mortgage attached to it. City looking to reclaim those funds.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Luostari, second Jaques, to approve payment to City of Superior for \$14,510.07 on tax deeded property located at 2121 Wyoming Avenue, and review the process to avoid future errors of this type, and forward to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Application from Audubon Great Lakes for Exemption from Ordinance #1.17, Pesticide Ordinance, to Apply Pesticide to Project Area Located in Allouez Bay: David Grandmaison, Tom Prestby, Andy Hinickle, presentation. Application of herbicides is requested to protect habitats (56 acres). Initial application in late 2022 or 2023 utilizing backpack sprayers and hand wands. Post application monitoring would occur. Committee expressed concerns about chemical being utilized, and liability to Douglas County in the future, proximity to Lake Superior by one of the areas in question, and whether other groups involved are in favor of project.

ACTION: Motion by Glazman, second Luostari, to refer to March 29, 2022, meeting, with more information provided regarding concerns. Motion carried.

Request from Wisconsin DNR, Asking Douglas County to Affirm DNR Recording of Affidavit of Ownership for Unclaimed Island, in Order to Proceed with Remediation Project: WDNR representative not present.

ACTION: Motion by Glazman, second Moen, to refer to March 29, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL – REPORTS:

Prevost's Tank Removal: Sandvick reported contractor determined there was not an underground storage tank, so his work has been completed. Set up property for sale at March 29, 2022, meeting.

SB 829 Relating to Distribution of Proceeds from Sale of Tax Delinquent Property: Sandvick reported bill is on Governor Ever's desk, and he has yet to take action on it; will ask him to veto on behalf of Douglas County.

HOLF Management Group:

Delinquent Sewage Charges: Gus Omundson, contacted City of Superior regarding delinquent bills for 2015, 2016 and 2019 and has a check in the amount of \$3,907.67 for those delinquencies. Large 2017 delinquent amount unresolved. Waiving interest and penalties has to be negotiated with the City. Refer to March 29, 2022, meeting for update.

Racetrack 2021: Refer to March 29, 2022, meeting.

Economic Development: Caesar not present.

Land Improvement Account Fund Balance: Reviewed. Timber sales revenue posted at \$68,881.

Appraisals:

Parcel 1-22: Requested by Randall Lain. \$7,000.

Parcel 2-22: Requested by Paul Hammond. \$12,000.

Parcel 13-22: Requested by Land & Development. \$700.

Parcel 14-22: Requested by Land & Development. \$700.

ACTION: Motion by Jaques, second Glazman, to approve appraisals. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Audubon Great Lakes exemption; WDNR request for affidavit; HOLF delinquent sewage charges, racetrack 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Luostari, second Jaques, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk