

MINUTES

Brown County
Land Information Council
Thursday, February 26, 2015
10:00 AM
Northern Building, Room 200
305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay WI

ROLL CALL:

Paul Zeller <i>County Treasurer</i>	X	Keith Deneys <i>Sheriffs Dept</i>	X
Bill Bosiacki <i>Zoning Administrator</i>	X	Chuck Lamine <i>Planning Director</i>	X
Francine Roberg <i>Village of Ashwaubenon</i>	X	Cullen Peltier <i>Public Safety & Communications</i>	X
Tom Sieber <i>County Supervisor</i>	X	Dale Raisleger <i>Public Works/Highway</i>	Exc
Patrick Austin <i>Mark D. Olejniczak Realty</i>	X	Chad Weininger <i>Administration Director</i>	X
Terry VanHout <i>County Surveyor</i>	X	Jim Wallen <i>Real Property Lister</i>	X
Rob Vesperman <i>Land & Water Conservation</i>	X	Cathy Williquette <i>Register of Deeds</i>	X
August Neverman <i>Tech Services Director</i>	X	Jeff DuMez <i>GIS/LIO Coordinator</i>	X

Also present: Paul Gazdik, Dan Teaters, Ryan Duckart, John Pantzlaff, Sandy Wentland and others.

1. Approval of the minutes from the October 28, 2014 Land Information Council meeting

A motion was made by C. Williquette to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 Land Information Council meeting. The motion was seconded by J. Wallen. Vote taken, the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Introduction of Paul Zeller to the Council

Paul Zeller, County Treasurer, was introduced to the Land Information Council.

3. Budget Updates

J. DuMez expressed the need and importance of keeping tabs on the Land Information budget and revenues because of the shortfall last year. C. Williquette reiterated that the 2014 revenues for Real Estate document recording fees were much lower than average, but that the January 2015 revenues are up, with 204 more documents showing an increase of 1302 dollars. J. DuMez discussed the budget cuts in place for 2015, and emphasized that we are already over budget on the already bare bones training and conference budget. The fact that WLIA raised their conference rates did not help the matter. He also mentioned that 2015 will be a very lean year for any types of projects that may arise.

4. Project Reports

- a. Aerial photos
- b. Survey Indexing
- c. Other Strategic Plan & Smart Goal project reports.

J. DuMez gave a report on the status of these projects. The aerial photo project was originally delivered with a slight coordinate shift, as was discovered by surveyors T. VanHout and Ryan Duckart. As a result, the images did not quite meet the project specifications for accuracy. This issue was reported to the vendor, and they did fix the problem and redeliver the images,

siting brand new camera equipment as the culprit. The vendor, Surdex, was very cooperative in redoing their work, which was very much appreciated, as past vendors may have fought us on this. Our survey checks on the redelivered product showed that the images now meet the map accuracy specifications. Although the other five counties in our consortium are behind delivery schedule, the product is now a quality product, and counties that may not have caught the inaccuracies will now have a quality product because of our efforts.

The Survey Indexing Project has reached a new phase, as there are no funds for the contract position in 2015. To keep the momentum going, the Property Listing staff is taking on indexing historic surveys as time permits as well as indexing all newly recorded surveys, including condominiums and subdivision plats. Pat Ford, retired County Surveyor, will be volunteering his time to help complete this project. The Indexing website has been one of our most popular sites, with over 30,000 surveys available for viewing, and being linked on the PALS website, Property Listing page and LIO page. The City of Green Bay has not been entirely completed, but the rest of the county is done. T. VanHout offered to give demos on the product to the realtors or any other groups that may be interested. C. Williquette revisited the idea of another "Land Records Day" as we did several years ago at the museum auditorium. It was well-attended and got a lot of good feedback. C. Williquette offered to re-coordinate the event if we have it in May. P. Austin said that late fall would work best for the realtors, as it would be after their busy season. After some discussion on the timeline of this proposed event, it was decided that late fall would work best. C. Williquette said that she probably will not have time to coordinate the event if we do have it in fall, as she has other priorities then. This idea will be revisited at the next meeting.

J. DuMez handed out a Land Information Strategic Plan and Smart Goal list. It details things we want to get done before we look at the 2016 budget. It also looks at how other counties are spending their LIO dollars. C. Lamine discussed bringing solutions to budget discussions as opposed to just problems, and getting in front of the budget. J. DuMez said that instead of a 5 year plan, we are now doing a more detailed 3 year plan. He also said he wanted to sit down with each department to discuss their needs so he can prioritize based on what those needs are. The Land Information template is changing, but despite this, Jeff will be initiating these meetings to organize three year goals. One thing we really want to work on is replacing the AS400 with a modern system. Another goal mentioned was keeping staff training a priority, and continuing meetings such as our monthly GIS User Group meeting. J. DuMez also mentioned looking at a new online mapping program to replace our GeoPrime map.

5. Wisconsin Land Information Program report

J. DuMez discussed the recent WLIA conference which was held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. C. Williquette and J. DuMez both presented at the annual conference. J. Wallen attended the LION meeting. One item discussed at this meeting was the proposal to shift the entire assessment process from a local function to a county function. This proposal is underfunded and has quite a bit of opposition. J. Wallen also mentioned an upcoming forum, which will be held March 12th in Stevens Point, in which parcel mappers, surveyors, and geodesists will convene to discuss parcel mapping issues, such as accuracy. Brown County initially made our parcel layer very accurate, and we're finding that the time, effort, and funding that was put into this was really worth it.

6. Next Meeting Location & Date

It was proposed by J. DuMez that the next meeting be held at the new Sherriff's Department building. Since there is a lot of training going on there now, it was decided that our next meeting's location will be finalized as April gets closer.

7. Any Other Matters

None discussed.

Motion by C. Williquette to adjourn. The motion was seconded by T. VanHout. Vote taken and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.