

MINUTES

Brown County

Land Information Office (LIO) Committee

Monday June 2, 2008

1:00 PM

305 East Walnut Street (Northern Building) Room 200

ROLL CALL:

Kerry Blaney	<u>X</u>	Ray Smith	<u>X</u>
Bill Bosiacki	<u>X</u>	Lynn Schwarm	<u>X</u>
Tammy Castonia	<u>X</u>	Jim Wallen	<u>X</u>
Robert Heimann	<u>Exc</u>	Cathy Williquette vice chair	<u>X</u>
Pat Ford	<u>X</u>	Lynn VandenLangenberg	<u>X</u>
Tom Hermsen	<u>Exc</u>	Mike Hronek	<u>X</u>
Chuck Lamine chair	<u>X</u>	Bernie Erickson	<u>X</u>
Jim Nickel	<u>Exc</u>		

Also Present: Jayme Sellen, Jeff DuMez, and others

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of the minutes from the May 21, 2008 LIO Committee meeting.

Motion by B. Erickson, Seconded by P. Ford and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Approval of Resolution to support a change in the Register of Deeds Recording Fee from a "Per Page" to a "Flat Fee" (attached)

J. DuMez and C. Williquette introduced the resolution to the committee and explained it. There are members of the Title industry who want to see a flat fee because it is less error-prone and time-consuming. The \$25 flat fee proposal is on par with neighboring states. B. Erickson said the resolution needs to be amended to clarify by adding, "Be it further resolved that of the \$25 flat fee: \$2 continue to the Wisconsin DOA, \$6 to County LIO; \$2 to the County to be used for Public Access, and \$15 to the County General Fund." B. Erickson also said that this amendment should be put on the resolution in table form so that it can be more easily understood and compared to the existing fee.

Motion by C. Williquette to approve the resolution as amended. Seconded by J. Wallen. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and Approval of an LIO Budget Policy

J. DuMez handed out an updated Excel spreadsheet with charts showing the past and present Land Records Modernization Account figures. J. DuMez said that the LIO Budget Task Force met several times over the last few months to address the budget imbalance. This group has analyzed the LIO budget situation and has made several recommendations for the 2009 budget which include: To cut \$10,000 for the Laredo software maintenance; \$5000 for the training budget; and \$30,000 transfer for the Land Conservation Department. With these cuts, the spreadsheet showed a positive account balance through about 2012. However,

unless more cuts are made, we are still likely to bankrupt the account after this point unless of course revenues exceed the projections. The committee recommended that the Task Force continue to look for more permanent solutions to this problem. At this time, however, the committee agreed that the recommendations from the Task Force as shown on the spreadsheet handout should be used as a guideline for the 2009 budget.

Motion by B. Erickson to direct J. DuMez to use the spreadsheet handout as presented as a guideline to develop the Land Records Modernization / LIO 2009 budget. Seconded by K. Blaney. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Any Other Matters

Meeting adjourned.