

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, July 11, 2022 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 28 supervisors were present when 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Kim Cable called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and those otherwise present, excused or absent are noted in the roll call detail:

<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1	Konradt, Joe	Present
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Pierce, David	Present
4	Freedland, Maureen	Present
5	Mathu, Grant	Present
6	Plesha, Roger	Present
7	Padesky, Gary	Present
8	Isola, Peg	Present
9	Wacek, Dawn	Present
10	Cable, Kim	Present
11	Scheller, Patrick	Present
12	Erickson, Randy	Present
13	Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14	Larson, Margaret	Present
15	Kruse, Monica	Excused
16	Ferries, Dan	Present
17	Pogreba, Jack	Present
18	Baroni, Mike	Present
19	Cornforth, Rick	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Present
21	Abraham, Rob	Present
22	Viner, Pamela	Present
23	Nikolay, Matt	Excused
24	Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25	Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26	Hundt, David	Present
27	Hesse, Dan	Present
28	Keil, Karen	Present
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Public Hearing**

- Due to the media publishing an incorrect time for the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Update, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Cable asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak on the plan. Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore clarified that the public notice was correct but was misreported by the media. There was no one wishing to speak.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
County Board 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Report – Kim Cable**

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- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Vice-Chair Cable announced that Chair Kruse's mother has passed away.
  - Supervisor Mader toured Fort McCoy and learned how they responded to the Afghan guests that arrived last summer and also how they use the fort to train soldiers.
  - Supervisor Hoyer attended a ceremony that turned over a County Park to the Town of Farmington.
  - Supervisor Keil and Isola, along with several other Supervisors, attended the Juneteenth celebration in Riverside Park.
- ARPA Update
  - \$3.3 million was reserved for the Neighborhood Child Care Model. The School District of La Crosse is requesting \$700,000 for a child care model in the La Crosse School District. The Child Care Providers requested \$2,968,600 for the Get to Capacity Grant. \$3 million was reserved for bridge housing for families, \$2.125 million for skilled trades training, \$5 million approved for Hillview redesign and rebuild, \$3 million for bridge housing for adults, \$2 million for grants for housing redevelopment, \$2 million for stormwater infrastructure grant fund, and \$500,000 allocated to veteran programs.

### **Interim Administrator Report – Jane Klekamp**

#### **PROCLAMATION JULY 2022 - LONG TERM CARE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County operates two long term care campuses – Hillview Health Care Center and Lakeview Health Center & Assisted Living; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County residents or members of their family are provided affordable, quality long term care services in a person-centered environment; and, **WHEREAS**, staff at both campuses have worked through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic while remaining committed to excellence in providing care and rehabilitation to all with respect for the dignity and rights of individuals. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of July as La Crosse County Long Term Care & Residential Services Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring quality care to our residents in need.

Motion by J. Pogreba/P. Viner to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - M. Kruse and M. Nikolay.

- La Crosse County 2021 Sustainability Indicators Report – presented by Anders Olson
  - The Sustainability Indicators review the government operations with usage of electricity, natural gas, vehicle fuel, paper and water. It also looks at community wide waste & recycling, transportation, land use and socio-economic conditions. The baseline year for all reports is 2007. Annual electricity usage has gone down 22% since 2007 with an estimated savings of \$243,000. Usage went up from 7.7 million kWh in 2020 to 7.9 kWh in 2021. The Law Enforcement Center uses the highest amount of electricity with 31%. Natural Gas usage has gone down 40% since 2007 with an estimated savings of \$107,000. Usage went up 3 therms from 2020. The Law Enforcement Center uses the highest amount of natural gas with 41%. Vehicle fuel usage has gone down 10% since 2007 with an estimated savings of \$64,000. Usage went down from 26.3 million kBtu in 2020 to 24.9 million kBtu in 2021. The Highway Department uses the highest amount of vehicle fuel with 72%. Paper usage has gone down 70% since 2009 with an estimated savings of \$260,000. Usage went down from 2.4 million sheets in 2020 to 2.3 million sheets in 2021. Cumulative savings from efficiency/conservation from 2008-2021 is \$3.4 million. Since 2007, Annual CO2 emissions from energy use has gone down 11% for vehicle fuels, 40% for natural gas and 62% from electricity. The CO2 emission rate has gone down 48% from 2005 and is projected to be down 80% in 2030 with anticipation of being carbon-free by 2050. County government has achieved significant progress in resource conservation since 2007 with smaller energy consumption and reduced paper consumption. The conservation has yielded significant benefits with energy cost savings and reduced carbon footprint.
- Xcel Energy Annual 2021 French Island Report – presented by Tina Ball, Senior Environmental Analyst

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- Xcel Energy has four operating companies in eight states with 3.7 million electric customers, 2.1 million natural gas customers and over 11,000 employees. In Wisconsin, Xcel Energy has 264,000 electric customers and 118,000 natural gas customers. There are 500 communities served in 26 counties. Five million tons of garbage and wood waste was delivered to the French Island plant to make electricity since 1988. The French Island plant produces enough electricity to power approximately 10,000 homes for 5 days a week for the past 32 years. They have 32 employees that operate the plant 24 hours/day, five days a week. In 2021, the plant burned over 58,000 tons of RDF and over 48,000 tons of wood biomass and railroad ties. Burning MSW instead of landfilling it has resulted in saving over 300,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions over the past 33 years. An all time record of 79,824 tons of MSW was delivered and 58,511 tons of RDF with a yield percentage of 73%. 2,263 tons of ferrous metal was sent for recycling with a benefit of \$187,976 to the county. 298 tons of non-ferrous metal was sent for recycling with a benefit of \$39,217 to the county. Communities with waste-to-energy plants have a 20% higher recycling rate than communities without waste-to-energy. The average stack test results were 84% - 96% below 2001 results. There were no emission limit exceedances. The goal for a carbon-free future is a 50% lower carbon emission in 2021, a goal of 80% lower carbon emission in 2030 and to be carbon free by 2050. The Upper Midwest Energy Plan is to close coal plants, add renewables, continue carbon-free nuclear and enable a carbon-free future.
- La Crosse County Gas to Energy 10-year Report – presented by Jackie David, Solid Waste Operations Coordinator
  - La Crosse County Solid Waste, in partnership with Gundersen Health System's Envision program, operates a joint Gas-to-Energy program. Biogas produced at the landfill is used to produce electricity and cooling for the Gundersen Onalaska Campus. It is also used for a thermal recovery program to heat the campus. Construction of this system started in 2011 and the system was brought on-line in February 2012. The system averages a runtime of 83.6% over the past 10 years. It has converted 580,920 MMBT's of gas from the landfill to energy. The system provides redundant programs to ensure compliance with air permit. This is the only Waste System in Wisconsin, thru partnerships, that operates both Waste-to-Energy and Gas-to-Energy programs. The average annual gross income is \$180,944.46. On average, the landfill gas offsets the entire Onalaska Gundersen campus. The project with La Crosse County is just one of the renewable energy solutions Gundersen's Envision program is using to lower energy costs and lead the healthcare industry in environmental stewardship. The health system reached its first day of energy independence on 10/14/2014. The current contract with Gundersen runs until 2028. Both programs understand the positive aspects of the program and will discuss future options in 2024-2025.
- American Rescue Plan Act Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Program – presented by Matt Hanewall, Land Conservation Director
  - The Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Program will help mitigate flooding, improve infrastructure resiliency, and protect water quality. The program applies only to unincorporated areas of La Crosse County. Applicants must be a municipal unit or public agency. The site must be on public property or under perpetual easement and must address flooding, water quality or public infrastructure. The applicant will perform the long-term maintenance. The grant will cover up to 90% of engineering and construction costs, the applications must be conceptual or designed and the max project cost share is \$50,000 conceptual and \$500,000 designed. All applicants to be scored and ranked and presented to PR&D committee. Example of projects would be increased infiltration/improved water quality within subdivisions, better water conveyance at culvert or bridge crossings, improved drainage and reduced erosion along farm fields, increased water capacity within road ditches or right of ways, or reduced flooding around buildings or other infrastructure.

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Jacobsen asked for an update on Broadband Internet.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by G. Mathu/P. Isola to adjourn at 8:30 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - M. Kruse and M. Nikolay.

**STATE OF WISCONSIN )**

**COUNTY OF LA CROSSE )**

**I, Ginny Dankmeyer , La Crosse County Clerk, in and for the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors at the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held Monday, July 11, 2022 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 19 OF JULY 2022.**