

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, June 5, 2023 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 23 supervisors were present when Chair Monica Kruse called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and those otherwise present, excused or absent are noted in the roll call detail:

District	Name	Attendance
1	Richmond, Andrea	Present
2	Geary, Ralph	Excused
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	Excused
10	Cable, Kim	Present
11	Scheller, Patrick	Excused
12	Erickson, Randy	Present
13	Tryggestad, Tina	Excused
14	Larson, Margaret	Excused
15	Kruse, Monica	Present
16	Ferries, Dan	Present
17	Pogreba, Jack	Excused
18	Baroni, Mike	Excused
19	Cornforth, Rick	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Present
21	Abraham, Rob	Present
22	Viner, Pamela	Present
23	Nikolay, Matt	Present
24	Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25	Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26	Hundt, David	Present
27	Hesse, Dan	Present
28	Silva, Leonardo	Present
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2023 - DAIRY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin dairy industry generates an estimated \$45.6 billion economic impact, \$1.26 billion in state and local taxes, and 154,000 jobs for the state annually; and, **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin dairy farmers work with cheesemakers to craft over 600 varieties, types and styles of Wisconsin cheese, creating half of the nation's specialty cheese; and, **WHEREAS**, because of Wisconsin dairy farmers'

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commitment to sustainable practices, the carbon footprint of a glass of milk is two-thirds less than it was 70 years ago, yet it still has the same nutritional benefits and great taste; and, **WHEREAS**, there are nearly 6,500 dairy farms in Wisconsin, 95% of which are family owned, and they produce dairy products enjoyed by more than 300 million consumers around the world; and, **WHEREAS**, dairy farmers in La Crosse County produce \$33.5 million worth of milk annually, according to recent statistics, and dairy processing plants in La Crosse, Mindoro, Onalaska and Holmen support jobs that benefit all county residents. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim June 2023 as Dairy Month in La Crosse County and urges all residents to join us in celebrating the contributions of dairy farmers to our economy and community.

Motion by K. Schlimgen/D. Hesse to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 7 excused - M. Baroni, R. Geary, M. Larson, J. Pogreba, P. Scheller, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek.

- Strategic Plan Updates – A resolution will be coming through Executive Committee that will approve and RFP for a facilitator for the Strategic Plan.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Chair Kruse reminded Supervisors of the joint meeting with the City of La Crosse on the Homeless Initiative.
 - Chair Kruse read a thank you letter from the Storytelling Festival and the Boys and Girls for the ARPA funds donation.
 - Supervisor Hoyer announced on Wednesday at 6pm, the Coon Creek Community Watershed Council is having their June meeting.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2023 - PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONTH

WHEREAS, the county parks system and our natural resources are an integral part of the La Crosse County community; and, **WHEREAS**, our parks and natural resources are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all residents, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and, **WHEREAS**, parks and natural resources are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees from the Facilities Department and the Department of Land Conservation serve to educate, protect, maintain, and enhance the quality of our parks and natural resources. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the Month of June 2023 as La Crosse County Parks and Natural Resources Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution made by County employees to the preservation of our Parks and Natural Resources for the benefit of all.

Motion by D. Ferris/R. Plesha to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 7 excused - M. Baroni, R. Geary, M. Larson, J. Pogreba, P. Scheller, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek.

- Report from Solid Waste
 - Solid Waste Director Jadd Stillwell presented the updates. 2022-year highlights include submitting a plan for review for the Phase 2 – 18 acres North Expansion, RFP was submitted for the Landfill Facilities Operations Agreement to operate in an environmentally sound manner at a cost-effective level, Household Hazardous Materials team took over the collection of the regional sharps boxes, and initiated the Granular Activated Carbon Filter Disposal Pilot Program with the Town of Campbell for residents impacted by PFAS. Projects planned for 2023 include the primary site access road construction and C&D lift station refurbishment, working with Xcel and local haulers to maximize the processing and conversion of the regional waste stream into waste-to-energy program, composting bin pilot program and Styrofoam recycling program, improvements to Household Hazardous Materials Facility, and issuance of air construction permit applications with the POO approval. The La Crosse County Disposal System 34th Annual Meeting will be held Friday, June 16, 2023.
- Overview of 2024 Budget Process
 - The 2024 budget decision making process and status was reviewed by Administrator Klekamp. The State budget is completed and departments requests will be reviewed and

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submitted in July. Outside organizations will submit requests in August to be considered for the administrator's budget. The Administrator's budget will be completed in September. Committees will review their departmental budgets in October and a public hearing will be held on the final budget in November followed by the budget adoption. Resolutions the Board will have to consider are fees and charges, employee health and dental insurance, employee compensation increase, 2024 budget and tax levy and Personnel resolutions.

- Mandated vs. Non-mandated Services Discussion
 - Examples of mandated services include Emergency Services, Health, Highway, Human Services, Medical Examiner, Solid Waste, Veterans Services, and Constitutional Officers. Non-mandated services would include parks, household hazardous materials, long-term care, economic development, DARE, treatment courts, and contributions to outside entities. Non-mandated services reduce cost and improve mandated services. The Board needs to decide if they want this work to be completed. It will take a significant amount of time and energy to accomplish and will cause concern for departments and staff. Would a strategic plan accomplish the same goal. The Executive Committee could make this part of the Administrator's work plan.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Abraham/G. Padesky to adjourn at 6:58 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 7 excused - M. Baroni, R. Geary, M. Larson, J. Pogreba, P. Scheller, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek.

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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, June 5, 2023 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 8 OF JUNE 2023.