

This organizational meeting of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors was held in the conference rooms located in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI.

CALL TO ORDER

Vilas County Acting Board Chairman Stephen Favorite called the assembly to order at 9:00 A.M. and instructed the Clerk to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following: Public meeting notice requirements were fulfilled by posting on the bulletin boards in the Vilas County Courthouse, Olson Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. Notice of this meeting was posted to the Vilas County Government website. All media outlets and members of the public requesting notification of this meeting were notified on April 13, 2012, more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. The Clerk requested that all present silence their cell phones and pagers for the duration of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Acting Board Chair asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

The Clerk then read aloud the Vilas County Board Certificate of Membership for the two-year term beginning April 17, 2012.

Supervisor District #1: **RALPH SITZBERGER** representing the Town of Land O'Lakes, Ward 1 and the Town of Plum Lake, Ward 2;

Supervisor District #2: **CHARLES HAYES** representing the Town of Presque Isle, Ward 1 and the Town of Winchester, Ward 1;

Supervisor District #3: **CHARLES RAYALA, JR.** representing the Town of Arbor Vitae, Ward 1; the Town of Boulder Junction, Ward 1; the Town of Lac du Flambeau, Ward 1 and the Town of Manitowish Waters, Ward 1;

Supervisor District #4: **DENNIS NIELSEN** representing the Town of Boulder Junction, Ward 2, and the Town of Plum Lake, Ward 1;

Supervisor District #5: **EMIL BAKKA** representing the Town of Arbor Vitae, Wards 2 and 7;

Supervisor District #6: **ERV TEICHMILLER** representing the Town of Arbor Vitae, Wards 3 and 4;

Supervisor District #7: **RONALD DE BRUYNE** representing the Town of Arbor Vitae, Wards 5 and 6;

Supervisor District #8: **CHRISTOPHER MAYER** representing the Town of Lac du Flambeau, Wards 2 and 3;

Supervisor District #9: **MARY KIM BLACK** representing the Town of Lac du Flambeau, Wards 4 and 7;

Supervisor District #10: **ALDEN B. BAUMAN** representing the Town of Lac du Flambeau, Wards 5 and 6;

Supervisor District #11: **MARK M. ROGACKI** representing the Town of St. Germain, Ward 1;

Supervisor District #12: **GARY W. PESKE** representing the Town of St. Germain, Ward 2;

Supervisor District #13: **STEPHEN FAVORITE** representing the Town of Cloverland, Wards 1

and 2;

Supervisor District #14: **MAYNARD BEDISH** representing the Town of Conover, Ward 1 and the Town of Lincoln, Ward 1;

Supervisor District #15: **SIG HJEMVICK** representing the Town of Phelps, Ward 1 and the Town of Conover, Ward 2;

Supervisor District #16: **LORIN W. JOHNSON** representing the Town of Phelps, Ward 2 and the Town of Washington, Ward 2;

Supervisor District #17: **JAMES BEHLING** representing the Town of Washington, Ward 1;

Supervisor District #18: **LEON KUKANICH** representing the City of Eagle River, Ward 4 and 5 and the Town of Lincoln, Wards 2 and 5;

Supervisor District #19: **LINDA L. THORPE** representing the City of Eagle River, Wards 1, 2 and 3;

Supervisor District #20: **EDWARD BLUTHARDT, JR.** representing the Town of Lincoln, Ward 4 and the Town of Washington, Ward 3;

Supervisor District #21: **KATHLEEN F. RUSHLOW** representing the Town of Lincoln, Ward 3.

ROLL CALL

Roll call found the following members present: Emil Bakka, Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, James Behling, Mary Kim Black, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Ronald De Bruyne, Stephen Favorite, Charles Hayes, Sig Hjenvick, Lorin Johnson, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Gary Peske, Charles Rayala, Jr., Mark Rogacki, Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller and Linda Thorpe. The Clerk reported 21 Supervisors in attendance, constituting a quorum of the County Board.

OATH OF OFFICE

Vilas County Circuit Court Judge Neal Nielsen administered the Oath of Office to the 21 newly elected Vilas County Board Supervisors. Each Supervisor affirmed the Oath of Office in writing. The Board was seated for the 2012 – 2014 term of office.

Acting Board Chair S. Favorite introduced himself to the five newly elected Supervisors, addressed the assembly and spoke about current and upcoming Vilas County issues. He then asked all re-elected Supervisors to introduce themselves to the newly elected members.

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES & COMMITTEE DUTIES

RES. 2012-45

(ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES AND COMMITTEE DUTIES FOR VILAS COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR)

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. Motion by S. Hjenvick, seconded by R. De Bruyne to amend the Standing Rules as follows:

Sec. I(8) In the case of the absence or disability of the County Board Chair, the County Board 1st Vice Chair shall perform the Chair's duties. In the event the Chair is unable to complete the duties for the remainder of the term, the County Board 1st Vice Chair shall perform the Chair's duties for the remainder of the term or until such time that the Board elects a new Chair. In the case of the absence or disability of the County Board Chair and 1st Vice Chair, the 2nd Vice

Chair shall perform the Chairs duties for the remainder of the term or until such time that the Board elects a new Chair.

Sec. VII(1) Voting shall be by signed ballot or roll call to determine any questions of policy or salaries involving Board members or County employees. Any election of an officer of the Board or any committee of the Board may be by secret ballot pursuant to §19.88(1), Wisconsin Statutes. Other voting shall be by Ayes and ~~Nays~~ Noes, except that the roll shall be called and each vote recorded on all questions involving the expenditure of money. A roll call vote may be called for by any member on any issue at any time; however, if the vote is unanimous, the roll call need not be taken.

All voted aye on the amendment. Carried. Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by D. Nielsen to amend the Standing Rules at Sec. I(8) by adding language designating a further line of executive succession to the 2nd Vice Chair in the event of the absence or disability of the 1st Vice Chair. Discussion. Motion withdrawn by its maker. Motion by R. Sitzberger, 2nd by D. Nielsen to amend the Standing Rules as follows:

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Discussion. 1 voted aye on the amendment: R. Sitzberger. 20 voted no. Amendment failed. All voted aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

ELECTION BY MAJORITY VOTE OF A PERMANENT CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN

The Board proceeded to elect by majority vote a permanent Chairman. The Acting Chair called for nominations from the floor.

C. Mayer nominated Stephen Favorite

The Acting Chair made three more calls for nominations and hearing none, closed further nominations. Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by S. Hjemvick to cast a unanimous vote for Stephen Favorite. All voted aye. Carried. Stephen Favorite was re-elected Vilas County Board Chair.

The Board then proceeded to elect by majority vote a permanent Vice-Chairman. The Chair called for nominations from the floor.

E. Bluthardt nominated Christopher Mayer

E. Bakka nominated Sig Hjemvick

The Chair called three more times for nominations and hearing none, closed further nominations. A secret ballot yielded the following results:

Christopher Mayer 14

Sig Hjemvick 7

Christopher Mayer was re-elected Vilas County Board Vice-Chair.

The Board then proceeded to elect by majority vote a permanent Second Vice-Chairman. The Chair called for nominations from the floor.

M. Bedish nominated Alden Bauman
S. Hjemvick nominated Ralph Sitzberger
R. De Bruyne nominated Erv Teichmiller

The Chair called three more times for nominations and hearing none, closed further nominations.
A secret ballot yielded the following results:

Alden Bauman	9
Ralph Sitzberger	6
Erv Teichmiller	6

As no candidate attained the necessary majority vote, a second ballot was required. The Chair called for additional nominations and hearing none, closed further nominations.

A secret ballot yielded the following results:

Alden Bauman	10
Ralph Sitzberger	6
Erv Teichmiller	5

As no candidate attained the necessary majority vote, a third ballot was required. Ralph Sitzberger withdrew his name from consideration. The Chair called for additional nominations and hearing none, closed further nominations.

A secret ballot yielded the following results:

Alden Bauman	13
Erv Teichmiller	8

Alden Bauman was re-elected Vilas County 2nd Vice-Chair.

ELECTION BY PLURALITY VOTE OF A HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TO CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD.

The Board proceeded to elect by a plurality vote a Highway Committee to consist of 5 members.
The Chair called for nominations from the floor.

R. Sitzberger nominated himself
G. Peske nominated Emil Bakka
A. Bauman nominated Maynard Bedish
S. Hjemvick nominated Kathleen Rushlow
R. De Bruyne nominated Charles Rayala
J. Behling nominated Ronald De Bruyne
C. Rayala nominated Alden Bauman
S. Favorite nominated Christopher Mayer

The Chair called three more times for nominations and hearing none, closed further nominations.
A signed, written ballot yielded the following results:

Ralph Sitzberger	11
Emil Bakka	10
Maynard Bedish	12
Kathleen Rushlow	13
Charles Rayala	12
Ronald De Bruyne	13
Alden Bauman	17
Christopher Mayer	13

Supervisors Alden Bauman, Ronald De Bruyne, Christopher Mayer and Kathleen Rushlow attained the required plurality vote and were elected to the Highway Committee. A tie vote between Maynard Bedish and Charles Rayala required a second ballot amongst the four remaining candidates. The Chair called for additional nominations and hearing none, closed further nominations. A signed, written ballot yielded the following results:

Ralph Sitzberger	5
Emil Bakka	5
Maynard Bedish	5
Charles Rayala	6

Supervisor Charles Rayala was elected to the Highway Committee.

The Chairman then called for the following motions:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED IN ANY ORDER

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by R. De Bruyne to approve the agenda, with the order of discussion to be at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2012 MEETING.

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by K. Rushlow to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

OMIT READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES BY THE COUNTY CLERK UNLESS REQUESTED

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by R. Sitzberger to omit the reading of all resolutions and ordinances by the Clerk, unless requested from the floor. All voted aye. Carried.

SUSPEND THE RULES TO ACT ON ANY RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES RECEIVED AFTER THE TEN DAY DEADLINE

Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by L. Thorpe to suspend the rules to act on any resolution or ordinance received after the 10-day deadline, but received in time to list to the press and post. All voted aye. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS TABLED OR POSTPONED TO A DAY CERTAIN

None

The Board then acted on all resolutions and ordinances in the order as posted.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

RES. 2012-46

(DISALLOWENCE OF CLAIM OF LAVERA F. McBURNEY)

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2012-47

(AMENDING THE 2006-2020 VILAS COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN [TREE RETENTION ON VILAS COUNTY TIMBER SALES])

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2012-48

(BUDGET AMENDMENT-FORESTRY, RECREATION & LAND DEPT. FISH & GAME FUND)

Motion by G. Peske, seconded by A. Bauman to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2012-49

(JAMES THOMAS - COMMENDATION)

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by S. Hjemvick to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2012-50

(APPROVAL OF LOST LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT PETITION)

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by L. Kukanich to adopt. The Chair allowed audience member Marvin Anderson to speak regarding the subject. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

ORD. AMEND. 85-238

(RE-ZONING OUT OF WETLAND STATUS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF PRESQUEISLE, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by R. Sitzberger to adopt. The Chair allowed audience member Greg Schoone to speak regarding the subject. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS

Commission on Aging – Citizen Board Members

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by R. De Bruyne to ratify the Chair's appointment of Mert Jensen and Fred Radtke as citizen board members

Serving on the Commission on Aging. All voted aye. Carried.

Human Services Board – Vilas County Representatives

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by R. Sitzberger to ratify the Chair's appointment of Charles Rayala and Erv Teichmiller as Vilas County Board representatives serving on the Human Services Board. All voted aye. Carried.

Northern Waters Library Service – Vilas County Citizen Trustee

Motion by C. Hayes, seconded by A. Bauman to ratify the Chair's appointment of Jeff Burke as Vilas County Trustee serving on the Northern Waters Library Services board. All voted aye. Carried.

Board of Adjustment- - Alternate No. 2

Motion by S. Hjemvick, seconded by K. Rushlow to ratify the Chair's appointment of Dennis Wittig as Vilas County Board of Adjustment second alternate member. All voted aye. Carried.

ACCEPT DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Child Support

Motion by G. Peske, seconded by K. Rushlow to accept the report. All voted aye. Carried.

Forestry Department

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by R. Sitzberger to accept the report. All voted aye. Carried.

Register of Deeds

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by K. Rushlow to accept the report. All voted aye. Carried.

Zoning & Planning

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by C. Rayala to accept the report. All voted aye. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication Committee: E. Bluthardt explained the necessity of moving ahead with the proposed Fire & EMS Simulcast Project, due to the short construction season. He requested that the Chair schedule a special County Board meeting in May, 2012 to approve financing the project.

Personnel Committee: L. Thorpe reported that the Personnel Committee conducted a review of the Human Resource Director's job performance. The Committee is very satisfied with the direction of that recently created department.

Public Health Board: J. Behling reported that the department move into leased office space was completed. A successful open house displaying the new quarters was held. He reported that the property owner has been very responsive, describing him as a pleasure to work with.

Land & Water Conservation: R. Sitzberger thanked the assembly for their support of the lake district resolution. He also reported recent data indicating that Black Oak Lake is the clearest lake in Wisconsin., The lake is located in the Town of Land O' Lakes,

Commission on Aging: E. Teichmiller announced COA Director Joe Fortmann's acceptance of a similar position in Columbia County. He also reported Greater Wisconsin Agency Aging Resources Data indicating that the Vilas County Commission on Aging meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements necessary to provide services for the senior community.

Communication Committee: R. De Bruyne commented on FAA narrow banding requirements. He reported that mandate, and the resultant loss of area communication capabilities, as the reason behind the proposed Fire & EMS Simulcast Project.

Public Property Committee: R. De Bruyne reported the progress of recent Courthouse office space re-allocations and remodeling.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

L. Thorpe spoke about an ITBEC sponsored iron mining resolution.

R. De Bruyne spoke about a land use forum, to be held in Eagle River, scheduled for the evening of April 17th. He urged all to attend.

S. Favorite called attention to the UW Extension publication placed before each member.

C. Mayer spoke about open meeting and committee/board quorum issues. He urged all members to comply with those requirements.

S. Favorite called attention to a WCA sponsored County Board Supervisor training session scheduled for May 17th in Rhinelander. He urged all members to attend.

PAY PER DIEM

Motion by E. Bakka, seconded by A. Bauman to approve payment of per diem. 20 voted aye. 1 no vote: R. De Bruyne. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by A. Bauman to adjourn. All voted aye. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:38 A.M.

Prepared and submitted by:
David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk