

Kenosha County Land Council Minutes

5/23/2025 9:00am

Members Present: Robert Merry, Michael Bastianelli, Sgt Christopher Hannah, Andy Buehler,
Teri Jacobson, Jennifer Mack, Scott Schutze

Excused: John Franco, Scott Grundy

1. 9:01am Meeting called to order by Michael Bastianelli
2. 9:01am Citizens comments
3. 9:02am Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2024 Land Information Council Meeting
Motion by Teri Jacobson to approve. Seconded by Sgt. Christopher Hannah. Motion carried.
4. 9:03am WLIP Compliance Status
Scott Schutze provided report on WLIP activities undertaken in 2025 noting the 2025 grant agreement, V12 parcel submission, and annual expenditure report were submitted as required. The 2024 annual activity report is in progress and to be submitted by the end of June. Assuming a grant is awarded in the fall, a grant project application will need to be submitted by December 31st.
5. 9:05am Strategic Initiative Grant Project Status Report 2024/2025
Grant projects for 2024 and 2025 were discussed and noted as not yet started due to staffing changes in 2025. Additionally, an urgent need for an ESRI enterprise upgrade was discussed along with possibility of using 2024/2025 grant monies to fund consultant fees needed for the upgrade. Motion was made by Teri Jacobson to repurpose 2024 and half of 2025 grant funds for purpose of ESRI enterprise upgrade, and utilization of second half of 2025 grant funds for enhancement to the Delinquent Tax Manager Application as outlined in original 2024 grant application. Motion was seconded by Andy Buehler.
6. 9:24am 2024 Monumentation Activity Report
Rob Merry presented the County Surveyor Activities carried out in 2024. Discussed was the annual report formatting, use of an Access database to house all PLSS monumentation records, and various maintenance procedures. A total of 47 monuments were installed and required new dossier sheets, an additional 95 dossiers were updated, and 71 other monuments were inspected and required no additional activity. Scott Schutze noted county budgets roughly \$58,000 annually for these activities.
7. 9:48am 2025 LIDAR Acquisition Project Update
The 2025 LIDAR project was discussed and flights were undertaken in late April. Data is now in calibration and processing phases. Rob Merry noted that early indications point to great definition in data points collected. Deliverables are expected in late 2025 or early 2026.
8. 10:10am Potential 2026 Orthophotography Acquisition
Scott Schutze noted recently obtained quote for upcoming 2026 ortho/oblique imagery acquisition increased 40% over 2024 project costs. Some alternative

solutions were discussed as potential possibilities. Additionally, hybrid data collection approaches were discussed if funding proves difficult.

9. 10:24am New Business

Teri Jacobson noted proposed trailer legislation to the Act 235 Judicial Privacy law. Our first shielding request was recently received and the cooperation of all County Divisions and Offices was noted as instrumental in successfully creating a countywide workflow.

Scott Schutze noted a recent Assembly bill with WLIA support to inject additional funding into the Wisconsin Land Information Program. This initiative focuses on changes to the real estate transfer fees. It remains to be seen how much traction this bill will gain as budgets move forward.

10. 10:32am Adjourn

Teri Jacobson motion to adjourn at 10:32am. Second by Jennifer Mack.
Motion carried.