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Draft Minutes of the: **Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting**

August 25, 6:00 p.m.

Bayfield County Board Room, Courthouse, Washburn, Wisconsin

The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors meeting was called by Bayfield County *Chairman*, Dennis M. Pocernich. A roll call was taken by *County Clerk*- Scott Fibert, as follows: Steve Sandstrom-present; Mary Dougherty-present; Larry Fickbohm-present; Charly Ray-present; Jeremy Oswald-present; Jeffrey Silbert-present; Dennis Pocernich-present; Fred Strand-present; Thomas Snilsberg-present; Marty Milanowski-present; David Zepczyk-present; James Crandall-present; Brett Rondeau-absent. Total: 12 present, 1 absent. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The following were also present: *County Administrator*- Mark Abeles-Allison, *County Clerk*-Scott Fibert, *County Veterans Service Officer*-Kevin Johnson, *County Tourism & Recreation Director*- Mary Motiff, *County Accountant*- Kim Mattson, (via Microsoft Teams), *Health Director*- Sara Wartman (via Microsoft Teams), *County Child Support Director*-Jennifer Osmak (via Microsoft Teams), *County Director of Information of Technology*-Paul Houck (via Microsoft Teams), Mary Ann Kolar (via Microsoft Teams), and Ann Chartier (via Microsoft Teams)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**; The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Minutes**: Discussion and Possible Action, Minutes from July 28, 2020.

Motion by Milanowski, Fickbohm to approve minutes from July 28, 2020. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

5. **Public Comment**: None
6. **Veterans Presentation**; Kevin Johnson introduced Mary Ann Kolar, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary. Kolar provided updates of veterans programs and group homes since the COVID pandemic. Chairman Pocernich thanked Kolar for the update.
7. **Presentation, 100th Anniversary Women's Right to Vote, 19th Amendment, Resolution #71**, Ann Chartier presented a history of the League of Women's Voters and efforts related to women's suffrage. Chairman Pocernich thanked her for the presentation. Resolution 2020-71 reads:

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1919, Wisconsin was the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, June 10, 2019, is the 100th anniversary of Wisconsin making history by becoming the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin women fought for the right to vote for more than a century – well before Wisconsin became a state; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution passed overwhelmingly in the Wisconsin State Senate 25 to 1 and in the Wisconsin State Assembly 54 to 2; and

WHEREAS, when the necessary 36 states ratified the 19th Amendment, half of the U.S. population was finally enfranchised on August 26, 1920; and

WHEREAS, daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of the women who fought for suffrage have had their voices heard at the polls for nearly 100 years;

WHEREAS, even after the Amendment passage women of color struggled with the right to vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, that Bayfield County celebrates August 25, 2020, as the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment granting national suffrage to all women.

A Motion was made by Sandstrom, Dougherty to approve Resolution 2020-71. Motion carried 12-0, 1 absent.

8. **Tourism and Fair Reports**, Motiff reported on current status of tourism and the Bayfield County fair held virtually this year. Information requests in 2020 have surpassed requests in 2019. Sales tax is currently 2% above last year as of the end of July. The first Bayfield County virtual fair was well attended with 136 exhibitors (47% of 2019) and 1170 exhibits. Market sale proceeds were \$95,660 with over \$2200 in ad on revenue. Motiff urged board members to enjoy ongoing Best Fair Food offerings around the county as part of the Fair sponsored contest

A Motion was made by Fickbohm, Crandall to receive and place on file. Motion carried 12-0, 1 absent.

9. **Employee of the Year Resolutions, 72-23.** Abeles-Allison announced the nominees and recipients of the Employee of the Year awards in the Sheriff and Courthouse. Recipients: Luke Kleczka and Jeran Delaine.

**Resolution 2020-72
Sheriff Office Employee of The Year - 2020**

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees;

WHEREAS, Luke Kleczka has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the Sheriff's Office for 10 years;

WHEREAS, his fellow employees have determined that he reflects the highest level of values within his work group and promotes a positive image of Bayfield County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors honors:

Luke Kleczka, as Employee of the Year for 2020, for his dedication and service to Bayfield County.

**Resolution 2020-73
Courthouse Employee of The Year - 2020**

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees;

WHEREAS, Jeran Delaine has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the County Clerk's Office for 4 years;

WHEREAS, her fellow employees have determined that she reflects the highest level of values within her work group and promotes a positive image of Bayfield County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors honors:

Jeran Delaine, as Employee of the Year for 2020, for her dedication and service to Bayfield County.

A Motion was made by Oswald, Milanowski to approve Resolutions 2020-72 and 2020-73. Motion carried 12-0, 1 absent.

10. **Departments of the Year Resolutions 74-76.** Abeles-Allison explained for the first time ever it was a very close tie between three departments. The committee decided on all three because of work during the pandemic. Houck and Wartman thanked the Board for the rewards. Pocerlich thanked the departments.

Resolution 2020-74
2020 Department of The Year Bayfield County Health Department

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees and departments;

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Health Department has demonstrated strong Cooperation with other departments.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Health Department has received commendations from other departments, citizens, or community organizations.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Health Department saves Bayfield County time, energy or dollars through their efforts.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Health Department encourages others through their positive image and attitude.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors honors:

The Bayfield County Health Department as Department of the Year for 2020.

Resolution 2020-75
Information Technology Department of The Year - 2020

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees and departments;

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Information Technology Services has demonstrated strong Cooperation with other departments.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Information Technology Services has received commendations from other departments, citizens, or community organizations.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Information Technology Services saves Bayfield County time, energy or dollars through their efforts.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Information Technology Services encourages others through their positive image and attitude.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors honors:

The Bayfield County Information Technology Services as Department of the Year for 2020.

**Resolution 2020-76
Maintenance
Department of the Year-2020**

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees and departments;

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Maintenance Department has demonstrated strong Cooperation with other departments.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Maintenance Department has received commendations from other departments, citizens, or community organizations.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Maintenance Department saves Bayfield County time, energy or dollars through their efforts.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Maintenance Department encourages others through their positive image and attitude.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors honors:

The Bayfield County Maintenance Department as Department of the Year for 2020.

A Motion by Silbert, Strand to appoint approve Resolutions 2020-74, 2020-75, and 2020-76. The Motion Carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

11. **Child Support Awareness Month Proclamation #5.** Osmak reported Governor Evers announced August 2020 as Child Support Awareness Month in Wisconsin in recognition of the role Child Support agencies play to create economic security for Wisconsin families. The agencies stepped up during the pandemic for children needed financial support while working with parents when income has been impacted.

CHILD SUPPORT PROCLAMATION #5

WHEREAS, Bayfield County recognizes that what is best for our children is what is best for our county, and that our children should always have the financial and emotional support they need to thrive; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County's Child Support Program ensures the care and well-being of children throughout our county, supports the involvement of parents in their children's lives, and provides important services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and,

WHEREAS, community partnerships serve children and their families through a variety of programs and targeted resources which promote awareness of needs and assist with meeting those needs, while encouraging greater family self-sufficiency; and,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Child Support Program is committed to the equitable provision of services to all of our county's children and families, and strives to always impart dignity and respect to those families receiving services; and,

WHEREAS, this occasion provides all Bayfield County community members with the opportunity to recognize the parents who work hard to protect and support their children's futures; and,

WHEREAS, this month, Bayfield County joins the Wisconsin Child Support Program, its county and tribal child support agencies, and all parents in increasing public awareness of the importance of providing children with the support they need to be successful; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County collected a total of \$1,711,246.05 in child support dollars in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County collected a total of \$1,709,662.03 in child support dollars in 2019.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 25th day of August, 2020, do hereby declare the month of August as Bayfield County Child Support Awareness month.*

A Motion by Oswald, Crandall to approve Proclamation 2020-05. The Motion Carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

12. **Library Committee appointments.** Abeles-Allison presented the appointments: Mary Lynch, Karen Jelinek, Laurie St. Aubin-Whelihan, Cassie Fleming, and Diane Posner.

A Motion by Oswald, Crandall to confirm the appointments to the Library Committee. The Motion Carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

13. **July 17-19, 2020 Emergency Declaration Confirmation.**

WHEREAS, a disaster, namely a series of severe thunderstorms that included torrential rains, hail and high winds throughout the weekend of July 17 thru 19, 2020 have struck multiple jurisdictions within Bayfield County; and

WHEREAS, several of those jurisdictions report damages more than they can manage without assistance; and

WHEREAS, because of ongoing emergency conditions, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors is unable to meet with promptness;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to State Statute 323.11 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, as Chief Elected Official of Bayfield County, I do hereby proclaim a state of emergency in effect until Monday, August 31, 2020.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the great seal of the County of Bayfield to be affixed.

A Motion by Crandall, Oswald to confirm the Emergency Declaration Confirmation. The Motion Carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

14. **Bayfield County Loan with the Bayfield County Industrial Development Agency.**

Abeles-Allison explained the history of the loan with Impact 7, Bayfield County, and the Industrial Development Agency. On August 20, the Bayfield County Industrial Development Authority met and recommended a write down of debt owned; Bayfield County's portion being \$60,150.

A Motion by Milanowski, Sandstrom to approve writing down the loan between Bayfield County and The Industrial Development Agency. A roll call was taken as follows: Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-absent, Sandstrom-yes, Dougherty-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Ray-yes, Oswald, yes, Silbert-yes. The Motion Carried 12-0, 1 absent.

15. Report of the Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee No. 2020-11; Petition to amend the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance regarding the Zoning of a parcel owned by Arthur and Angela Hyde, Town of Bell, from Residential-one (R-1) to Agricultural-one (Ag-1). .

Silbert explained rezone for addition of animals on the property.

REPORT OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

TO: The County Board of Supervisors of Bayfield County on the hearing of petitions to amend the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning and Zoning Committee of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, having held a public hearing pursuant to Section 59.69(5)(e), Wisconsin Statutes; notice thereof having been given as provided by law; and having been duly informed of the facts pertinent to the following changes; hereby recommends the following action on said petition:

The Zoning of Arthur & Angela Hyde 14.50-acre parcel (ID# 8020) (Document # 2018R575794); described as: All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼), South of the Highway, lying and being on the Southerly side of the public highway as how established and laid out and traveled over and across said forty acre tract, and lying on the easterly side of the line extending through the center of the channel of the Siskiwit River where said river crosses said forty (40) acre tract in Section Thirty-five (35), Township Fifty-one (51) North, Range Six (6) West, Town of Bell, Bayfield County, Wisconsin from Residential-One (R1) to Agricultural-One (Ag-1).

The Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee recommendation is:

X Be Approved
Be Approved with modification
Be Disapproved.

Date: July 16, 2020

A Motion by Silbert, Zepczyk to receive and place on file. The motion carried 12-0, 1 absent.

16. Bayfield County Ordinance Amendment No. 2020-11. Petition to amend the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance regarding the Zoning of a parcel owned by Arthur and Angela Hyde, Town of Bell, From Residential (R-1) to Agricultural 1 (Ag-1).

**The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:
That the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance, adopted June 1, 1976, be and the same, is
hereby amended as follows:**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §59.69 (5) authorizes the County Board to adopt a zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §59.69(5)(e) authorizes the County Board to change district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the County of Bayfield that the District Boundaries be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows:

The Zoning of **Arthur & Angela Hyde 14.5-acre parcel (ID# 8020) (Doc# 8020)**, described as: all that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼), South of the Highway, lying and being on the Southerly side of the public highway as how established and laid out and traveled over and across said forty acre tract, and lying on the easterly side of the line extending through the center of the channel of the Siskiwit River where said river crosses said forty (40) acre tract. Section Thirty-five (35), Township Fifty-one (51) North, Range Sue (6) West, Town of Bell, Bayfield County, Wisconsin **from Residential-One (R-1) to Agricultural-One (Ag-1)**.

The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors decision is:

- Be Approved**
- Be Approved with modification**
- Refer back to Planning and Zoning with directions as stated/noted and return for enactment or rejection**
- Be Disapproved**

A Motion by Silbert, Fickbohm, to approve Amendment 2020-11. The Motion carried 12-0, 1 absent.

17. Bayfield County Administrator's Report:

- a) Wartman presented COVID-19 Health update: COVID is still considered a communicable disease in Wisconsin; thinking of curbside drive up for flu shots, working with schools' procedures regarding COVID.
- b) Clean Sweep ran successfully. 135 residents served in Iron River.
- c) Future County Board Meeting Dates, the following meetings are all regularly scheduled:
 - **September 29th, 2020**
 - **October 27th, 2020**
 - **November 10, 2020**
- d) Census 2020; encourage people to complete the census.
- e) Pigeon Lake Report: Highway department is raising the build as waters continue to rise; 17 inches of rain was reported since July 1.
- f) Budget 2021 Status Report: early projections show slightly less levy needed than last year. September 10 a balanced budget will be presented to Executive.
- g) Wisconsin Counties Association, Business Meeting and Resolutions; discussed upcoming meeting to be held virtually.

18. Supervisors' Reports: None
Adjournment at 7:51 p.m.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Fibert

Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*
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