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**CALUMET COUNTY  
PLANNING, ZONING & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**April 5, 2018**

**THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED**

**1. Meeting Announcement and Posting**

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Chair Kleckner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Committee Members present: Deiter, Geiser, Hartl, Kleckner, Hofberger  
Staff Members present for all or part of the meeting: Payette, Faust, Mooney  
Committee Members Excused: Cousins, Ott  
Supervisor Hartl asked to be excused early from the meeting.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Deiter and second by Geiser to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2018 Committee Meeting**

Motion by Deiter and second by Hartl to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2018 Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Public Participation**

None

**7. Report of Committee Members**

**a. Reports of Official Meetings Held Since Last Planning, Zoning & Farmland Preservation Committee**

None.

**b. Upcoming Events Reported by Committee Members**

Hartl reported she will be attending a Water Action Volunteer Conference on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Stevens Point.

**8. Communications**

**a. Focus on Calumet**

This report was put together by Mary Kohrell as a bi-weekly update on Economic Development in Calumet County and region for businesses and communities.

**b. Wisconsin Master Agriculturist Article**

Lyle Ott who is a member of this committee and his family was given this award.

**9. Items for Action or Discussion**

**a. Calumet County Farmland Preservation Survey**

Payette and Mooney reviewed the executive summary and key elements of the survey. The response rate for completed surveys was 61%. Some of the main concerns in the farming community are cost of farmland, low commodity prices, difficulty in finding reliable employees and discord among small and large farms. Discussion followed.

**b. NACO Analysis of Federal Infrastructure Plan**

The Trump Administration introduced this plan earlier this year. The plan will create new grants with additional funding from state and government entities for rural infrastructure, transformative programs, expansion of existing loan programs and federal capital financing funds. Discussion followed.

**c. Discuss Broadband Grant Opportunities**

Payette reported staff is currently researching with Mary Kohrell two different broadband opportunities that may be available to Calumet County. The Broadband Expansion Grant program is administered by the PSC. The second program is called the Community Connect program and administered by the USDA. This program focuses on areas that lack variation speeds. Discussion followed.

**10. Report of Department**

**a. Planning Activities Since Last Committee Meeting**

**b. Code Administration Update Since Last Committee Meeting**

**11. Upcoming Events/Past Events**

**a. Workshop for Local Planning & Zoning Officials – Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

The deadline to register for this event is April 16.

**12. Discuss Next Meeting – Thursday, May 3, 2018; 9:00 A.M.**

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**13. Adjournment**

Motion by Deiter and second by Geiser to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Faust, Recording Secretary