

MINUTES
WOOD COUNTY LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL

DATE: Wednesday October 21, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Courthouse – Conference Room #154

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Brian Spranger (via Webex), Andrew Jennings, Paul Bernard, Tony Bastien, Kevin Boyer (via Webex), Al Breu (via Webex)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tiffany Ringer, Heather Gehrt

OTHERS PRESENT: Victoria Wilson, Planning & Zoning; Bill Clendenning, County Board Supervisor Dist #15 (via Webex)

1. Chairperson Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Introductions were made.
3. There was no roundtable discussion.
4. Chairperson Leichtnam declared a quorum.
5. There was no public comment.
6. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by Bernard/Breu to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Land Information Office, Paul Bernard provided project updates.
 - Bernard discussed his work with boundary reconciliation and its relevance to NextGen 911.
 - Bernard mentioned a contract with Data Axle. They are a data broker that has a detailed list of businesses and residences. They can provide a dynamic dataset that provides points of interest. If anyone has interest in tapping into that live dataset, contact Bernard.
 - Bernard mentioned grant funding available from the Department of Military Affairs. At this point he feels there would be value in trying to obtain that grant funding for staff time to free up Land Records funds for other projects.
 - As part of the three year plan, surveying of county highways continues. There was also a scanning project that included thirty boxes of surveys and right-of-way plats that were submitted to the County Clerk's or Highway Department offices that were not recorded. These have been scanned by On Q for integration into GIS.
 - Bernard has been working to obtain information on new buildings in Wood County. So far, he has processes in place to get this information from the City of Marshfield, City of Wisconsin Rapids and Town of Saratoga through each municipalities' permitting process.
 - Bernard spoke in detail about Metadata and the process of being able to explain to people where data comes from and how it applies to workflows that can be used by anyone.

- Bernard gave an overview of the new Real Estate Recon Application. This will be a more focused tool for users looking for specific information.
8. Budget Update
 - Bernard mentioned the Department of Military Affairs grant that is available but is very competitive. The Wisconsin Land Information program funding has rebounded a bit, and he is tentatively anticipating \$30,000 in funding in 2027. The ARPA and CIP projects are complete.
 9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 - Next meeting will tentatively be in August of 2027.
 - Discuss 2028-2030 three-year plan projects.
 10. Motion by Boyer/Breu to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Minutes taken by Victoria Wilson, Planning and Zoning, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.