

Minutes of the
ASHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Ashland County Courthouse, 201 Main Street West, Room 204, Ashland, Wisconsin

1. CALL TO ORDER

A General Meeting of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 by Remote/Zoom and in person at the Ashland County Courthouse, County Board Room. Chairperson Dick Pufall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

a. Roll Call:

Roll Call: Present: Ellefson, MacKenzie, Nagro, Metzinger, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Pufall, Starck, Sztynдор, Berlin, Miranda, Bussey, Mika, Vitek, Huber, Schutte, Carl, Wiener, Mertig. 20

Absent: Franek. 1

Excused: 0

b. A moment of silence was held.

c. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Board Supervisor Elizabeth Franek came into the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

2. APPROVAL/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Kathy Schutte and seconded by Michael Berlin to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERTINENT TO AGENDA ITEMS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OF THE DAY

No public comments were made.

4. PRESENTATION

- a.** Kathy Schutte presented awards to several board members who participated in the Ashland County Fair Horseshoe Contest.

5. REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the June 27, 2023 County Board Minutes

A motion was made by Bradley Ray and seconded by Louis Carl to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023 County Board meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

b. Resolution R09-2023-1449 – County Forest Variable Acreage Share Payment

Resolution No. R09-2023-1449

COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE SHARE PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Counties having lands entered as "County Forest Lands" under the provisions of S.S. 28.11(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes may annually receive from the State a non-interest

bearing loan for each acre so entered to be used for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of such lands, and

WHEREAS, said loan monies are repaid through a 20% severance tax on timber sales revenue coming from County Forest Lands unless a higher rate is mutually agreed to by the County and the Department, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 28.11(8)(b)1. enacted in 1979 make it possible for the County at its option to receive a payment of up to 50 cents per acre to meet the needs identified in its County Forest Ten Year Plan.

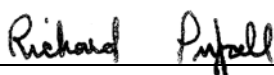
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Ashland County Board of Supervisors in consideration of meeting the needs identified in our County Forest Fifteen Year Plan hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the **2023 payment** to the County under S.S.28.11(8)(b)1. on the basis of **50 cents for each acre** of our County Forest Lands, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this request with the Department of Natural Resources prior to December 31 preceding the year in which said payment is being requested to be made.

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Recreation Committee approves this resolution and recommends to forward this resolution to the full County Board for their approval.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland, Wisconsin on this 14th day of September, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors**:


Richard Pufall, County Board Chair

A motion was made by Laura Nagro and seconded by Richard Huber to approve Resolution R09-2023-1449 - County Forest Variable Acreage Share Payment as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

c. Approve Ashland County Forest Annual Work Plan 2024

**Ashland County Forest
Annual Work Plan – 2024**

The Honorable Ashland County Board of Supervisors

Following is the proposed Ashland County Forest work plan for the year 2024. The plan gives direction and meaning to the proposed County Forest Budget. The plan further defines and supplements the Comprehensive Fifteen Year Plan and emphasizes the current needs of the County Forest and Recreation System.

Timber Harvest

Timber harvests are not only important for the economic well-being of Ashland County, but for the health and vigor of the forest. This includes all aspects of the forest including wildlife, watershed protection, air quality, recreation and many other non-commercial values. Professional implementation of proper forest management and harvest techniques is essential. The timber management goal is to produce forest products through the use of sustainable forestry practices. Ashland County Forest plans to offer for sale approximately 1519 acres of timber in the following timber types in 2024:

Northern Hardwoods	1073 acres
Aspen	268 acres
Red Pine	2 acres

Fir-Spruce	19 acres
Swamp Hardwood	20 acres
Tamarack/Black Spruce	84 acres
Red Maple	0 acres
Cedar	53 acres
Hemlock	0 acres

We are also looking at the past, present and future conditions of the county forest. Attached is WISFIRS report #207. This gives a representation of the forest in 1977, the condition today and the projected condition of the forest in the future. We are then tailoring our management to maximize the most productive types and bring these stands to the most productive conditions possible. It is our intent to maximize revenue for the county while maintaining and supplying outdoor recreation opportunities for the public.

Information about what timber sale establishment activities are occurring at a specific time may be obtained by contacting the Ashland County Forestry Dept., PO Box 155, Butternut, WI 54514. Phone 715-769-3777.

2024 Work Plan

1. Continue updating the forest reconnaissance to identify tree planting sites and areas for natural species conversion based on habitat type.
 - A. Recon approximately 1519 acres as called for in schedule 12A.
 - B. Continue to update recon older than 20 years.
2. Locate and perpetuate survey monuments and maintain boundary lines.
 - A. Investigate and resolve conflicts with neighboring ownerships.
 - B. Continue long term project of locating section and private corners in the county forest, working with the county surveyor.
 - C. Work with county surveyor on timber sale boundaries.
3. Reforestation activities – Continue the sedge trials; identify and treat new sites and continue to document the progress at current sites. Continue to develop and share project documentation. Begin to develop stand level application guidance for appropriate sedge applications. Continue to address Garlic Mustard issues. The large outbreak located in 2017 continues to be a large work load for the department.
4. Continue access management program by berming and seeding roads on timber sales as sales are completed and as needed. Also, berm other roads that have a high potential to become problem areas. Continue development of list of roads that will not be seeded and will be placed on a list to maintain.
5. Annual maintenance on Ashland County Forest hunter walking trails. Additional signing is planned for trail heads. Plans for this year include disking and reseeding of existing trails and openings. This process is in jeopardy as the Ruffed Grouse Society has changed funding priorities.
6. Boat Landings – Continue routine maintenance of all boat landings. Continue to monitor use patterns at Second Landing and the dumpster there. We will also be closely monitoring the use of Tomczek Park, the boathouses and the dock. Finish black topping at Lake Galilee Boat landing.
7. Roads – Continue maintenance and monitoring of County Forest roads. Begin planning major reconstruction of the Mudline, with the Ashland County Highway Department. If the Highway Department is unable to complete these projects, then we will look for outside contractors. Continue to monitor county forest roads for damage and abuse.
8. Evaluate timber on county owned property not included in county forest boundaries.
9. Work with Ashland County Snowmobile Alliance to maintain and improve Ashland County snowmobile trails. Work with U.S. Forest Service on state funded projects within the Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest.

10. Continue to develop the GIS system for the Ashland County Forest. Continue adding the forest roads layer. We will begin adding other data layers as priorities dictate.
11. Continue to maintain SFI and FSC Forest Certification on the Ashland County Forest. This includes participation on the Wisconsin County Forest Association Legislation/Certification Committee.
12. Continue to identify and attempt to purchase critical pieces of privately owned property within the forest boundaries. There are several potential projects on the horizon.
13. Continue to provide support and expertise to the Ashland County Sheriff's Office with Wilderness SAR. Attend locally available training as opportunities occur.
14. Continue to develop the Recreation Officer position with the Ashland County Sheriff's Office.
15. Continue to develop a Carbon Credit project on the forest. This includes beginning a carbon inventory using the plots provided by Anew.

A motion was made by Matthew MacKenzie and seconded by Martin Vitek to approve the Ashland County Forest Annual Work Plan 2024 as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

d. Approve Nomination to the Joint Dispatch Intergovernmental Board

A motion was made by Matthew MacKenzie and seconded by William Metzinger to approve the nomination, of Ronald Sztynodor to the Joint Dispatch Intergovernmental Board. Voice vote. Motion carried.

e. Resolution R09-2023-1450 – Resolution Creating a Permanent Planning Committee

Resolution No. R09-2023-1450

RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin requires all counties, cities, villages, and towns to update their comprehensive plan every 10 years.

WHEREAS, Ashland County's last update to the Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2016.

WHEREAS, in previous years Ashland County created an ad hoc committee to work on and create a new comprehensive plan.

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2023, the Ashland County Executive Committee voted to create a permanent committee on planning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors hereby creates a new standing committee on planning called the Planning Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Planning Committee shall include between 3 and 5 County Board members, county staff, a member from the UW Extension, and members of the local community as appointed by the County Board Chair and confirmed by the County Board.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Planning Committee shall be charged with reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan for Ashland County and provide these to the County Board for consideration from time to time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee should consider all opportunities and threats that Ashland County is likely to face both in the immediate short-term and over the next 20 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Planning Committee Chair shall be a County Board Supervisor, elected by the other County Board members on the Committee, and shall have the power to invite county staff, municipal officials, and the general public to participate in the planning process as decided by the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, membership to the Planning Committee shall be excluded from the committee membership restrictions outlined in the Supervisor’s Handbook.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland, Wisconsin on this 14th day of September, 2023.


 Richard Pufall, County Board Chair

A motion was made by Patrick Kinney and seconded by Kathy Schutte to amend the resolution to read: the Committee should consider all opportunities and threats that Ashland County is likely to face both in the immediate short-term and in the future. Voice vote. Motion carried amending the resolution.

A motion was made by Bradley Ray and seconded by Martin Vitek to approve the Resolution R09-2023-1450 as amended. Voice vote. Motion carried.

f. Approve Nominations for Local Emergency Planning Committee

**ASHLAND COUNTY
 LEPC MEMBERSHIP LIST**

Name	Group	Agency / Organization	Appointment Date	LEPC Position
Disher, Kent <i>Community Service Manager</i>	Group 5	Xcel Energy Corporation 2400 Farm Rd Ashland, WI 54806 715-577-0613 (C)	2023	<i>EPCRA Facility Member</i>
Zupke, Brian <i>Sheriff</i>	Group 1	Ashland County Sheriff’s Office 220 Sixth Street E Ashland, WI 54806 715-685-7640 ext. 675 (O) 715-209-2615 (C)	2023	<i>Elected Official</i>
Spangler, Matt, <i>Hazmat Coordinator</i>	Group 2	Ashland Fire Department 215 6 th St. E Ashland, WI 54806 715-682-7052 (O) 715-292-1612 (C)	2019	<i>Firefighting Member</i>
Hagstrom, Willis <i>Police Chief</i>	Group 2	Ashland Police Department 601 Main St. W Ashland, WI 54806 715-685-1624 (O) 715-292-0819 (C)	2020	<i>Law Enforcement Member</i>
Jennings, Doug <i>Emergency Preparedness Coordinator</i>	Group 2	Memorial Medical Center 1615 Maple Lane Ashland, WI 54806 715-685-5327 (O)	2022	<i>Hospital Member</i>
Paddock, Jeff <i>Northern Regional Team Supervisor</i>	Group 2	WI Department of Natural Resources 2501 Golf Course Rd Ashland, WI 54806 715-828-8544 (C)	2022	<i>Environmental Organization Member</i>
Connors, Benjamin <i>Tribal Planner</i>	Group 2	Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa 72682 Maple St. PO Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861 715-682-7111 ext.1593 (O)	2023	<i>Civil Defense Member</i>
Rueckert, Robin <i>Safety Coordinator</i>	Group 4	C.G. Bretting Manufacturing Company, Inc. 3401 Lake Park Rd Ashland, WI 54806 715-209-7702 (C)	2015	<i>Community Group Member</i>

Dzwonkowski, Christina <i>Ashland County EM Director</i>	Group 2	Ashland County Office of Emergency Management	220 Sixth St. E Ashland, WI 54806 715-685-7640 ext. 443 (O) 715-685-4897 (C)	2023	<i>Civil Defense Member Emergency Coordinator *Coordinator of Information</i>
Szot, Elizabeth <i>Public Health Officer</i>	Group 2	Ashland County Health & Human Services Dept.	630 Sanborn Ave Ashland, WI 54806 715-682-7004 ext. 113 (O) 715-209-7446 (C)	2020	<i>Health Services Member</i>
Grady, Dan <i>Ashland County Administrator</i>	Group 4	Ashland County	201 Main Street W Ashland, WI 54806 715-682-7015 ext. 500 (O)	2022	<i>Community Group Member</i>
<i>Ashland Daily Press</i>	Group 3	Ashland Daily Press	122 Third St. W. Ashland, WI 54806 715-682-2313 (O)	2017	<i>Print Media</i>
LEPC Inspector	State			2015	

A motion was made by Matthew MacKenzie and seconded by Laura Nagro to approve the nominations for the Local Emergency Planning Committee as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

g. Ordinance O09-2023-125 - Communicable Disease Ordinance

Ordinance Number 009-2023-125

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ORDINANCE

1. Definitions

Definitions enumerated- the following definitions apply throughout the entire ordinance.

A. “Communicable disease” means any disease that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services determines, by rule, to be communicable in fact.

B. “Municipality” means any city, village, or town.

C. “Outbreak” means an unusual aggregation of health events that are grouped together in a short period of time and limited geographic area.

D. “Public gathering” means an assembly or meeting of people that is accessible to or shared by all members of the community or otherwise generally related to business or community interests. “Public gathering” includes assemblies, meetings or crowds in any location that is open to the public at large.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health and safety of all persons within the County of Ashland by preventing, suppressing, and controlling communicable diseases. The Health Officer is charged by Wis. Stat., sec. 251.06(3) with the duty to enforce state public health statutes and rules. Consistent with state statute, it shall be a violation of this Ordinance to refuse to obey a Health Officer order issued to prevent, suppress or control communicable disease pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 252.03.

3. Authority

The authority for this Ordinance is Chapter 252, Wis. Stats.; §§ 66.0113 and 66.0119, Wis. Stats., §251.06(3), Wis. Stats., DHS 145.05 and 145.06, Wis. Admin. Code (as each currently exists or is hereinafter revised), which are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth at length. [Reference 2021-22 statutes]

4. Jurisdiction

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §251.08, jurisdiction of this Ordinance by the Ashland County Health Department shall extend to the entire area within Ashland County.

5. Local Health Officer's Duties and Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities set forth in Wisconsin Statute §251.06(3), and Wisconsin Administrative Code DHS §145.06 (as each currently exist or is hereafter revised) are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth; shall be performed by the Ashland County Health Officer, and they shall administer the policies, programs, and services of the Ashland County Health Department.

A. The Ashland County Health Officer or designee, upon the appearance of any communicable disease outbreak, epidemic, or pandemic in Ashland County, shall immediately investigate all the circumstances and make a full report to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

B. The Ashland County Health Officer will promptly take all measures necessary to prevent, suppress, and control communicable disease, and will report to the County Board the progress of any communicable disease outbreak, epidemic, or pandemic and the measures used against them, as needed, to keep the County Board fully informed, or at such intervals as the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Secretary may direct.

C. The Ashland County Health Officer may inspect schools, places of employment, and other public buildings within their jurisdiction as needed to determine whether the buildings are kept in a sanitary condition.

D. The Ashland County Health Officer may establish systems of disease surveillance and inspection to ascertain the presence of any communicable disease within their jurisdiction. The Ashland County Health Officer may, with a special inspection warrant issued under §66.0119, Wisconsin Statute, enter any private property, building, place of employment, vessel or conveyance not open to the public to inspect the same, to issue orders, and/or to remove therefrom any person affected by a communicable disease if necessary to promote the safety and welfare of the public.

E. The Ashland County Health Officer may issue orders for guarding against the introduction of any communicable disease into the jurisdiction, for the control and suppression of communicable diseases, for the quarantine and disinfection of persons, localities and things infected or suspected of being infected by a communicable disease and for the sanitary care of schools, places of employment, public buildings and places.

F. The Ashland County Health Officer may require isolation and/or quarantine of a subject confirmed to have a communicable disease or of an individual who has been in contact with a subject confirmed to have a communicable disease.

G. If the Health Officer suspects or is informed of the existence of any communicable disease, the Health Officer shall at once investigate and make or cause such examinations to be made as are necessary. The diagnostic report of a physician, the notification or confirmatory report of a parent or caretaker of the patient, or a reasonable belief in the existence of a communicable disease shall require the local health officer to immediately quarantine, isolate, require restrictions or take other communicable disease control measures in the manner, upon the persons and for the time specified in rules promulgated by the department. If the local health officer is not a physician, they shall consult a physician as speedily as possible where there is reasonable doubt or disagreement in diagnosis and where advice is needed. The local health officer shall investigate evasion of the laws and rules concerning communicable disease and shall act to protect the public.

H. The Ashland County Health Officer may close schools and forbid public gatherings in schools, churches, places of employment, public buildings, private property, and other places, when deemed necessary, to control outbreaks, epidemics, or pandemics.

I. Any rule or order may be made applicable to the whole or any specified part of Ashland County or to any vessel or other conveyance. Orders that are issued under the authority herein supersede conflicting or less stringent regulations, orders, or ordinances.

J. The Ashland County Health Officer may authorize and implement all emergency measures necessary to control communicable diseases and do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of the disease including, but not limited to, prohibiting public and private gatherings when deemed necessary to control outbreaks, epidemics, or pandemics and shall advise the Wisconsin Department of Health Services of measures taken.

K. No personnel may interfere with an investigation of any place or its occupants by the Ashland County Health Officer or their designees, under this Ordinance.

6. Compliance

A. Written Orders: Compliance with this Ordinance shall include compliance with written orders issued under this ordinance itself or state health laws by the Ashland County Health Officer or their designees to abate and/or contain communicable disease or to bring any other situation or condition in noncompliance with this ordinance into compliance.

B. Noncompliance: Noncompliance with this ordinance and/or with a written order from the Ashland County Health Officer or their designees shall be cause for penalties pursuant to section seven (7) below.

7. Enforcement

A. Written order: When a violation of this Ordinance is encountered, the Ashland County Health Officer or their designees may issue a written order to the violator. The order shall specify the following:

1. The nature of the violation and the steps needed to abate and/or correct the violation.
2. The time period in which the violation must be corrected and/or abated (usually one to five days or ten to thirty days, depending on the nature of the violation).
3. The penalty or penalties the violator will be subject to if the apparent violation is not abated and/or corrected within the given time period.

B. Exceptions to Written Order: In cases where a violation poses an immediate human health threat as determined by the Ashland County Health Officer or their designee, or in the case of repeated occurrences of the same violation by the same persons, actions specified in section eight (8) may be initiated immediately.

8. Violations and Penalties:

A. Any person who violates or obstructs this Ordinance, an order of the Ashland County Health Officer under this Ordinance, or requirements of state statutes and/or regulations adopted by this ordinance, is subject to the following:

1. Commencement of legal action, seeking a court imposed forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than maximum forfeiture of \$500 for each violation together with the cost of prosecution.
2. The issuance of a summons and complaint, and entry of a civil judgement for a forfeiture and injunctive (temporary and/or permanent) relief.

3. Suspension of any license or permit issued by the Ashland County Health Department.

B. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

C. Proceeding under any other ordinance or law related to the same or any other matter shall not preclude enforcement under this Ordinance.

9. Appeal of Health Officer Orders:

A. Any person aggrieved by an Order issued by the Ashland County Health Officer, under this Ordinance, may appeal such Order to the Ashland County Board of Health. The appeal must be written within thirty (30) days of issuance and the Ashland County Board of Health may then rescind, amend, or continue such Order by majority vote of the members present. Said Order will continue until reviewed by the Ashland County Board of Health.

B. The appeal procedure in this paragraph is exclusive to the review of Orders issued by the Health Officer and shall not provide a secondary route for appeal and/or collateral attack of an enforcement proceeding commenced under Paragraph 8 herein.

C. If an appeal is commenced under this paragraph requesting review of any Order of the Health Officer, any pending enforcement action under paragraph 8 relating to Said Order being appealed shall be stayed until a final determination by the Ashland County Board of Health on the validity of such Order. If an appeal is written, it does not override the Order. The order remains intact until a determination is made to rescind, amend, or continue the order.

10. Severability:

Severability: Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word and provision of this ordinance is severable, and if any provisions shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decisions shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance nor any part thereof other than that affected by such decision.

11. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall become effective of the date following the date of its publication.

A motion was made by Clarence Campbell and seconded by Laura Nagro to adopt Ordinance O09-2023-125 - Communicable Disease Ordinance as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

h. Chequamegon Bay Housing Coalition Agreement

CHEQUAMEGON BAY REGIONAL HOUSING COALITION CHARTER

Preamble: We, the undersigned, in recognition of the pressing need for affordable housing development and preservation, hereby establish the Chequamegon Bay Regional Housing Coalition (CBRHC). With a shared commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all residents of our region, we acknowledge that collaborative efforts are essential to identifying and overcoming the barriers hindering the availability of safe, affordable, and sustainable housing. This charter serves as the foundation upon which our collective goals and actions shall be built.

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name - The organization shall be known as the Chequamegon Bay Regional Housing Coalition, hereinafter referred to as the "Coalition."

Section 2: Purpose - The purpose of the Coalition is to foster collaboration among diverse stakeholders to identify, address, and ultimately alleviate barriers to affordable housing development and preservation within the Chequamegon Bay region. By leveraging the collective resources, expertise, and experiences of our signatories, we aim to create a more equitable and thriving community where every resident has access to safe, affordable, and sustainable housing options.

Article II: Core Principles

Section 1: Collaboration - We affirm that collaboration among public and private entities, community organizations, residents, and government agencies is essential to effectively address the complex challenges surrounding affordable housing. Through open dialogue, knowledge sharing, and joint action, we commit to finding innovative solutions that benefit our entire region.

Section 2: Equity and Inclusion - We recognize the importance of fostering an inclusive environment that values diverse perspectives and experiences. The Coalition is dedicated to promoting equitable access to housing for all residents, regardless of background, income, or social status.

Section 3: Land Acknowledgement - We acknowledge that the land on which we live and work is the traditional territory of the Ojibwe people. We honor and respect the Ojibwe Nation as the original stewards of this land and recognize their enduring relationship with it. We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate and work towards a more just and equitable community in partnership with the Ojibwe people.

Article III: Goals and Objectives

Section 1: Affordable Housing Advocacy - The Coalition shall advocate for policies, regulations, and initiatives that promote the development, preservation, and accessibility of affordable housing within the Chequamegon Bay region.

Section 2: Barrier Identification and Solutions - The Coalition shall collaboratively identify and analyze barriers that impede affordable housing development and preservation. By sharing insights and expertise, we aim to develop effective strategies to overcome these challenges.

Section 3: Education and Outreach - The Coalition shall work to raise awareness about housing resources, the importance of affordable housing and its impact on social and economic well-being. We strive to engage the community in informed conversations about housing-related issues.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility - Membership in the Coalition is open to organizations, agencies, and government entities that share a commitment to the Coalition's purpose and principles.

Section 2: Signatories - Signatories to this charter express their commitment to the goals and objectives of the Coalition and their willingness to participate in collaborative efforts to address affordable housing challenges.

Article V: Governance

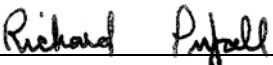
Section 1: Meetings - Ad hoc meetings shall be held to facilitate communication, idea exchange, and collaboration among members. Meetings may occur in person, virtually, or through other means as determined by the participants.

Article VI: Ratification

This charter shall be considered ratified upon endorsement by authorized signatories, thereby officially establishing the Chequamegon Bay Regional Housing Coalition and guiding its collaborative efforts to address barriers to affordable housing development, access, and preservation in our region.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have adopted this Charter on the date first set forth below.

Dated September 14, 2023


Richard Pufall, County Board Chair

i. Town of Sanborn Discussion

Dan Grady gave an explanation and update on the status of the tax issue with the Town of Sanborn. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Ronald Sztynдор and seconded by Kathy Schutte to allow Scott Bretting to speak. Motion carried.

Blake Ellefson was excused from the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Bill Metzinger and seconded by Laura Nagro to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session," specifically as it relates to the county's discussions and negotiations with the State and other taxing jurisdictions surrounding allocation of state funds to make up the shortfall in tax collections following the court's decision impacting tribal lands.

Roll Call: Yes:	MacKenzie, Nagro, Metzinger, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Franek, Pufall, Starck, Sztynдор, Berlin, Miranda, Bussey, Mika, Vitek, Huber, Schutte, Carl, Wiener, Mertig. 20
No:	0
Excused:	Ellefson. 1

County Board convened in closed session at 10:40 a.m.

7. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by Gary Mertig to reconvene in open session. Motion carried. The County Board reconvened in open session at 11:15 a.m.

George Mika was excused from the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

A motion was made by Laura Nagro and seconded by George Bussey to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate with the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin State Legislature, the Office of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, regarding tax settlements made and refunds for Lake Superior Chippewa up to \$1,000,000.00.

Roll Call: Yes:	MacKenzie, Nagro, Metzinger, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Franek, Pufall, Starck, Sztynдор, Berlin, Miranda, Bussey, Vitek, Huber, Schutte, Carl, Wiener, Mertig. 19
No:	0
Excused:	Ellefson, Mika. 2

8. REPORTS/UPDATES

a. Administrator Updates

Dan Grady updated the board on what he's been working on since the last County Board meeting.

b. County Board Supervisors

Board members commented.

Louis Carl was excused from the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

The Staffing Update was distributed to the Board.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Michael Berlin and seconded by Kathy Schutte. Motion carried. County Board adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather W. Schutte
Ashland County Clerk