

Richland County Natural Resources Standing Committee

April 6, 2026

The Richland County Natural Resources Standing Committee convened on Monday, April 6, 2026, in person and virtually at 9:30 AM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Committee Vice-Chair Fleming called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Roll Call: Deputy County Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee members present: Randy Schoonover, Richard McKee, Alayne Hendricks, Rod Perry, and Julie Fleming. Committee member(s) absent: Steve Carrow and Kevin Nolen.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Perry, second by McKee to approve the agenda. Motion carried via voice vote and the agenda was approved.

Approval Of Minutes From March 2, 2026: Committee Vice-Chair Fleming asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes from the March 2, 2026 meeting. Hearing none, Committee Vice-Chair Fleming declared the minutes from the March 2, 2026, meeting approved as presented.

Public Comment: None.

Zoning Petitions:

- A. Petition To Petition To Rezone A Portion Of Parcels 010-2811-0000, 010-2721-0000, & 010-2814-0000:** Jenn Fry, Zoning and Sanitation Technician provided a brief background on the petition. Motion by Schoonover, second by Perry to approve the petition. Brief discussion ensued. Motion carried via voice vote and the petition to rezone a portion of parcels 010-2811-0000, 010-2721-0000, & 010-2814-0000 was approved and moved on to county board for final approval.
- B. Petition To Rezone A Portion Of Parcels 024-2041-1000 & 024-2044-1000:** Jenn Fry, Zoning and Sanitation Technician provided a brief background on the petition. Motion by McKee, second by Perry to approve the petition. Brief discussion ensued. Motion carried via voice vote and the petition to rezone a portion of parcels 024-2041-1000 & 024-2044-1000 was approved and moved on to county board for final approval.
- C. Petition To Rezone Parcels 010-3711-3000 & 010-3644-3000:** Jenn Fry, Zoning and Sanitation Technician provided a brief background on the petition. Motion by McKee, second by Schoonover to approve the petition. No discussion ensued. Motion carried via voice vote and the petition rezone parcels 010-3711-3000 & 010-3644-3000 was approved and moved on to county board for final approval.
- D. Petition For A Conditional Use Permit On Parcel 006-3333-2500:** Jenn Fry, Zoning and Sanitation Technician provided a brief background on the petition. Motion by Perry, second by Hendricks to approve the petition. Brief discussion ensued. Motion carried via voice vote and the petition for a Conditional Use Permit on parcel 006-3333-2500 was approved.
- E. Petition For A Conditional Use Permit On Parcel 030-2921-1000:** Jenn Fry, Zoning and Sanitation Technician stated that this CUP needed to be postponed until the next meeting. No action taken.

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- F. Petition To Rezone A Portion Of Parcels 016-2021-1000 & 016-2012-1000:** Jenn Fry, Zoning and Sanitation Technician provided a brief background on the petition. Motion by Schoonover, second by McKee to approve the petition. Brief discussion ensued. Motion carried via voice vote and the petition rezone parcels 016-2021-1000 & 016-2012-1000 was approved and moved on to county board for final approval.
- G. Petition To Rezone A Portion Of Parcels 016-2411-1000, 016-2414-1100, 016-2414-1200:** Jenn Fry, Zoning and Sanitation Technician provided a brief background on the petition. Motion by Perry, second by Hendricks to approve the petition. No discussion ensued. Motion carried via voice vote and the petition rezone a portion of parcels 016-2411-1000, 016-2414-1100, 016-2414-1200 was approved and moved on to county board for final approval.

Reports:

- A. Zoning: Report & Departmental Activities:** Jenn Fry, Zoning and Sanitation Technician, reported that there were 13 sanitary permits, and 28 land use permits issued so far this year and that there had been lots of discussions on the process to build houses. Ms. Fry also reported that the pumping reports were going out in the mail this week, reported that Noel Schmitt was sending out the 2025 past due notices (around 160), and reported that Ms. Fry was working on the list of systems pre-2025 that had not been inspected (between 200 and 300). Brief discussion ensued.
- C. Land Conservation: Report and Departmental Activities:** Conservationist Cooper introduced Natalie Strait, Regional Planner with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to the committee. Ms. Strait briefly spoke to her work on and goals for the Farmland Preservation Plan for Richland County and stated her intention to attend the next committee meeting and asked the committee for feedback. Conservationist Cooper briefly reported on various subjects including the DAWS well testing project and that the report should be available in about a month, that there was an informational meeting set for June 25, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Richland Center Community Center, there was an upcoming meeting of the new producer lead group in Yuba, the Richland Resiliency group was completing well testing, the tree sales was nearly over, and that the Land Information Council would be meeting soon to plan for the 2027 grant process. Brief discussion ensued.
- B. Violations Report:** Jenn Fry, Zoning and Sanitation Technician, reported she had done a soil test at the unpermitted house and that the landowner was taking steps to come into compliance. Ms. Fry briefly reported on several driveways that had been installed in the floodplain and unpermitted shed dwellings. Brief discussion on camper storage in Gotham ensued.
- D. UW-Extension: Report & Departmental Activities:** Mr. Adam Hady, Area 13 Extension Director presented his March 2026 Report to the committee and reported that the Extension Office was officially moved back to the Health and Human Services building. Mr. Hady introduced Anastasia Kurth, Regional Crops & Soils Educator to the committee. Ms. Kurth reported on the recent trainings and workshops done with producers on pesticide application, manure application, and the nutrient management plan process for producers.
- E. Real Property Lister: Report & Departmental Activities:** Julie Lins, Real Property Lister, reported on the recent Wisconsin Land Information Association conference and the educational

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opportunities that were available at that event. Ms. Lins provided an update on the assessments and reassessments for the year.

Discussion & Possible Action: Updated Zoning Ordinance: Conservationist Cooper briefly spoke to the committee about the need to add verbiage to the zoning ordinance regarding “outside storage” and “unofficial/unregulated junkyards” and requested that she be given approval to work with Corporation Council to complete this task. Brief discussion ensued. Consensus was gained from the committee to approve Conservationist Cooper to work with Corporation Counsel on this task.

Discussion & Possible Action: Updated Short-Term Rental Ordinance: Conservationist Cooper reported that the Public Hearing would happen at the May meeting. Brief discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Correspondence: None.

Future Agenda Items:

Discussion & Possible Action: Updated Zoning Ordinance

Discussion & Possible Action: Updated Short-Term Rental Ordinance

Adjourn: Vice-Chair Fleming entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by McKee, second by Hendricks to adjourn. Motion carried via voice vote and meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Myranda H. Hege
Deputy County Clerk