

CALUMET COUNTY
PLANNING, ZONING & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
THESE MINUTES ARE UNAPPROVED

Date: February 12, 2026
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Courthouse, Room 015

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Hofberger, Budde, Kesler, La Tour, Mueller, Ott, Seipel

Staff Members Present for all or part of the meeting: Meuer, Bonlander, Depies, Halada, Romenesko

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: John Mueller, Buzz Laughrin, Brooke Schneider, Brad

Buechel, Alice Connors, Chuck Schneider, Nick Konen, Mark Keuler, Larry Propson, Lanetta Mahlberg, Jim Casper

Others Present Virtually for All or Part of the Meeting: Keith Finch, Ken Gilsdorf

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Alligiance was recited by all.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mueller and seconded by La Tour to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from the January 8, 2026, Committee Meeting

Motion by Budde and seconded by Seipel to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2026, Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation

Mueller voiced his concerns about his permit request that was denied. Laughrin and Chuck Schneider spoke on Mueller's behalf.

7. Public Hearing and Related Action Items

- a. Convene Meeting and Enter Public Hearing – Finch

Entered Public Hearing at 8:45 a.m.

- i. Keith Finch, Map Amendment in accordance with Section 82-48(f) of the Calumet County Zoning Ordinance, requesting to rezone approximately 2.33 acres from the



Exclusive Agricultural (EA) district to the Agricultural Residential (A-R) district, NW ¼, NW ¼, Sec. 7, T20N, R20E, Town of Brillion, W2481 Schmidt Road

Meuer indicated that Keith Finch is requesting a map amendment of 2.33 acres to operate a home occupation business. Under the current zoning, Finch would not be able to operate a home business. Additionally, Meuer expressed that the rezoning is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan along with the Farmland Preservation Plan. It was clarified by Depies that the Town of Brillion and staff approve the proposed map amendment with the conditions that Finch must obtain all necessary federal, state, and local licenses. Discussion followed.

b. Close Public Hearing and Reconvene Regular Meeting

Closed Public Hearing at 8:53 a.m.

- i. Proposed Action: Keith Finch, Map Amendment of approximately 2.33 acres from the EA district to the A-R district

Motion by Budde and seconded by Kesler to forward onto County Board for action with a recommendation for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Convene Meeting and Enter Public Hearing – Kueler

Entered public hearing at 8:53 a.m.

- i. Alfred and Janice Kueler Trust and agent Brad Buechel, Map Amendment in accordance with Section 82-137, Calumet County Zoning Ordinance, request to rezone approximately 8.25 acres from the General Agriculture (GA) and Single-Family 20,000 (SF-20) districts to the Heartland (HL) district, SE ¼, Section 25, T17N, R20E, Town of New Holstein, located along County Trunk HH

Meuer indicated the applicant is seeking a map amendment to allow agricultural uses on the subject property. Zoning to the Heartland District would remove the nonconforming status from the agriculture buildings and allow them to be used for agricultural purposes. With the rezoning being consistent with the comprehensive plan, staff along with the Town of New Holstein recommend approval of the map amendment. Discussion followed.

d. Close Public Hearing and Reconvene Regular Meeting

(i) Closed Public Hearing at 9:02 a.m.

- i. Proposed Action: Alfred and Janice Kueler Trust and agent Brad Buechel, Map Amendment of approximately 8.25 acres from the GA and SF-20 districts to the HL district

Motion by Budde, seconded by La Tour to move to County Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Report of Committee Members**

Budde attended the Wisconsin County Association of Legislature Conference and briefed the committee on highlights from the conference.

9. **Communications**

- a. None

10. **Items for Action or Discussion**

- a. Discussion: Update on Public Service Commission (PSC) public meeting regarding the proposed American Transmission Company project

Meuer – The project is currently in its environmental review phase. The PSC website has an interactive map along with details and progress of the application. Discussion followed.

- b. Discussion: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025 report and overview

Reviewed 2025 applications and loans granted. 2 loans \$20,315 granted in 2025
Meuer briefed the committee on the Community Development Block Grant Program along with the number of applications for 2025, number of loans granted and the grant/loan amount disbursed.

11. Department Report

- a. Update Regarding Parcel Fabric Mapping
Meuer informed the committee that Grueneberg will be doing parcel fabric mapping in the interim with the Real Property Lister position vacant.
- b. Zoning, Sanitary, and Land Division Approvals During the Reporting Period
Meuer briefed the committee on the previous month's approvals.
- c. Monthly Informational Report from staff on Activity Performed During the Previous Month
Depies, Halada, Bonlander and Meuer provided updates on the topics listed below. Discussion followed.
 - i. Code Administrators
 1. Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) Maintenance Update
 2. 2025 POWTS Audit Update
 3. Staff Continuing Education Training Update
 - ii. Planner
 1. Village of Sherwood development update
 2. Federal grant for CTH KK study
 - iii. Program Assistant
 1. Sanitary and zoning permit viewer update
 2. Maintenance wayfinding maps
 - iv. GIS Administrator
 1. NG911 management update
 2. Public data access update
 - v. GIS Specialist
 1. Parcel fabric update
 2. Wisconsin Land Information Association Conference presentation

12. Discuss Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026; 8:30 a.m.

13. Adjournment

Chair Hofberger adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Bonlander, Recorder