

Menominee County Remonumentation Committee
Minutes of Meeting
December 14, 2018

*******APPROVED 12.18.2019*******

The Remonumentation Committee met on December 14, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Menominee County Administrator's office.

Call Meeting to order: Com. Schei called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Pledge of allegiance: was recited by all.

Roll Call: Jason Carviou, Com. Schei, Bill Lenca, Jeff Lenca, Sherry DuPont, Paul Anderson, Darrell Moilanen, Kandace Curran

Agenda: Moved by Paul Anderson, seconded by Darrel Moilanen to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Meeting minutes: Moved by, seconded by Com. Schei to amend the minutes from December 22, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. **Amendment:** Bill Lenca had some issues with the minutes: Under "work progress report" it says "section #20/25" that should be: Twp range 40 North; Range 25 West. All throughout" and also, where it says 200 forties left to complete, that should be 200 corners. Jeff Lenca moves to approve the minutes as amended above, Darrell Moilanen seconds. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Business Items:

2018 Work Progress Report: Bill Lenca: Basically we're up in 41/25 (township/range) was where the majority of our corners were located. We had a few left over in 40/25 that we completed, I believe 7. We did 62 total in 41/25 for a total of 69 corners. We still had some money left so we were working along Cedarville in 36/25. The original survey meandered the Cedar River and meander corners where the river crossed the section line. That's what we're doing, replacing those meander corners, a lot of them end up in the river; we're actually setting reference monuments to those, basically all they are is line markers; you have the section corner then you hit the river at the meander corner on the section line. We're trying to do as much as we can with that to use up our funds. A map explaining the area done was passed out. Jeff Lenca: The red dots are the ones we're projecting to do this year yet. And you can see that you've got section and quarter section corners on either side of the river where it crosses and the original survey where it placed meander corners where they hit the river on either side, intending to be on the section line on either side. Com Schei: Do they come out pretty close to the section lines both ways, I mean, there's not a big gap in between where it's not matching up, right? B. Lenca: No they should be on a straight line. Typically because it's a river and the river has eroded and

widened, you're not going to find much original evidence there; so we're placing them and making sure they're on the section line. J. Lenca: If we were to find original evidence, then we would use the original evidence to place the corner and that would control the line. Schei: There's not like witnesses or anything on those corner sections that were there from years ago, you're more or less establishing...B. Lenca: they witnessed those out just like they did section and quarter section corners, but again, it's 160 some years ago, the river's changes a bit in a lot of cases. We didn't find any original evidence. Same kind of monument is used at the river as is sections and quarter sections. So the reason we have this project is because it was 160 years ago when it was last surveyed. J. Lenca: Yes the original survey was the late 1840's early 1850's when they did this entire county. Jason C: so the purpose is to make everything more accurate? J. Lenca: it's not necessarily to make it more accurate, it's to try to perpetuate where those corners were, where they set them. If we can find original evidence of where those corners were, they go back in that place, no matter what the measurements are between corners. We're not attempting to update the calculations between corners; we're just trying to put them back in where they're supposed to be; where they originally were. Jason: So you're just making sure the original ones are there or putting new ones in. J. Lenca: Yes. If there's nothing there, then we have to use math to put them back in or some sort of evidence. Discussion of grant funding (to get Jason up to speed on the remon. grant). The grant started in 1993; that was the first year they started. The state has a formula to figure out what each county gets as a grant each year based on the size of the county in part and other factors. Based on that, we've been getting a grant since 1993. We spend the majority of that grant setting corners. The only other thing we spend it on is some supplies, and a couple of years we had to get some equipment. The funding comes from recording fees across the state in the Register of Deeds office. So a % from each deed recorded goes into this pot and that's the fund the state uses to divvy out the \$ to the counties. B. Lenca: two years the county contributed some money to the fund (in addition to what the state provided), but typically the grant is all we get. Darrel: Once all of the corners are in, does this program expire, or they can keep applying for? B. Lenca: When we complete this next township we'll be complete except for a couple of sporadic corners. Then starts a maintenance program. We have to go through and replace those that are missing etc. So basically do it all over again. It'll be tricky to know which ones to do.

Discussion of Links and Chains and rods: A chain (which has links) is 66 feet. Rods are 16.5 feet. Kandace: How are you doing with gates on the north end? Bill & Jeff: Very accommodating. No problems. Private owners we call and try to let them know, they understand. Bill brought in paperwork to show what is provided to the state for the grant. Darrell: are the deeds avail. to the public? Yes in the ROD office. We mark the state plane coordinate and that gets sent to the state. These are also on the internet on the state's website for Remon. They're not up to date, but from 2014 and prior, they're on there. Kandace: I spoke to our GIS, this could be a layer for our GIS if you want to go that route. Costs for a layer are about 4-500 dollars (per Coleman Engineers). But is this something that the public will use? How do you justify the costs? J. Lenca: We don't have state plane coordinates in most of the county. It wasn't available to us 20 years ago. Sherry: We'll have a budget amendment to coordinate the accounts how Bill did within his report. The final \$ amount won't change, just the line items to match the grant breakdown.

2019 Grant Application & Work Area: The 2019 Grant is approved for \$74,519. We plan to do 58 corners 12 Meander corners and 15 common corners with Marquette & Dickinson Co. - We're trying to coordinate with Marquette and Dickinson County on the "shared" corners. 36/25 along the river again, I think there's 12 additional corners there that we didn't get through this year. That'll bring us up to 70 corners for 2019.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: P. Anderson moves to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm. D. Moilanen seconds. All agree.