

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2023 LCC Monthly Meeting

Meeting Room A, James P. Coughlin Center

& Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:01 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn (Zoom), Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon (Zoom), Kay Horan (Zoom), Doug Nelson, Dan Stokes & Doug Zellmer

**LWCD Staff:** Chad Casper

Others present:

Absent:

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy:

Chairman Farrey confirmed with Director Casper that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve December 1, 2022 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Zellmer/Stokes motion to approve the minutes passed 4-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Director Casper reminded the LCC that the deadline to sign up for the Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association Meeting scheduled on January 20<sup>th</sup> is January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that he will be attending the NACD Conference in February and was awarded a scholarship through NACD that will help cover some of the expenses.
- Director Casper let the LCC know Mary Koch with the LWCD will be retiring at the end of March.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the DATCP 2022-2023 extension requests were submitted for SEG and bond funds.
- Director Casper passed out the 2022 Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farm Network Report along with the 2023 Winter issue of the Basin Buzz. Casper said that both of these documents showcase some of the great work happening in the County.
- Director Casper reminded the LCC that the WI Land+Water Conference is being held from March 1-3 in Wisconsin Dells.

Committee Chairman's Report:

- No Report

Business Items:

Review and Approve the Payment of the 2023 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Annual Dues (\$2,074.00)

Chairman Farrey explained that the 2023 dues were slightly higher from the previous year and discussed the value of being a member of this Association. Following a brief discussion, a Nelson/Zellmer motion to approve paying the 2023 dues passed 4-0.

Update on the \$221K NRDA Grant for Wetland Protection on Lake Winneconne and the Terrell's Island/Samer's Bay Project

Director Casper gave an update on the \$221K NRDA grant for the installation of two breakwall projects on Lake Winneconne. Casper stated that the two projects are complete and were an overall success. Casper said that ongoing vegetation and water quality monitoring will be completed over the next several years to document the water quality and habitat benefits of the new breakwalls. Casper stated that there was an additional \$17,000 of NRDA grant funds remaining that will be transferred to help complete the Terrell's Island/Samer's Bay project due to an increase in construction costs.

Update on the Proposal for Allocation of \$3,030,300 from the Spirit Fund for Conservation Projects in the LWCD  
Chairman Farrey gave an update to the LCC on the proposal for allocating \$3,030,300 from the Spirit Fund for conservation projects in the LWCD and explained that the next step would be for it to be approved by the County Board. Farrey said that if the Spirit Funds are approved, the LCC would then need to set policy for how the funds are allocated in the LWCD. Director Casper gave an overview of the Spirit Fund proposal to the LCC that was presented to the ARPA Commission in December.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) - CSA 22-20, Scott & Kelly Quinn Well Abandonment Project for \$500.00, CSA 22-21, Mark Moderson Well Abandonment Project for \$500.00, CSA 22-22, David & Rebekah Weiss Grassed Waterway & Wetland Restoration Project for \$3,320.00 & CSA 22-23, Albright Brothers LLC Agricultural Sediment Basin Project for \$20,000.00

Following a review of the CSA summary a Zellmer/Nelson motion to approve \$500.00 for the Scott & Kelly Quinn well abandonment project, \$500.00 for the Mark Moderson well abandonment project, \$3,320.00 for the David & Rebekah Weiss grassed waterway & wetland restoration project, and \$20,000.00 for the Albright Brothers LLC agricultural sediment basin project passed 4-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed and acknowledged the new projects on the list.

A Nelson/Zellmer motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. passed 4-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder