

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2010
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

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

Present: **LCC Members:** Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, Paul Eisen, Chuck Farrey, John Reinert, and Dan Stokes.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Jon Bahrke & Melanie Leet

Others Present: Brian Maedke, USDA-APHIS-WS

Absent: Ken Neubauer

Approve August 5, 2010, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Reinert/Barker motion to approve the August 5, 2010 LCC meeting minutes, passed 6-0

Announcements:

- Tom announced that Ken Neubauer was in St. Luke's hospital in Milwaukee until September 10, 2010.
- Tom announced that the first round of Farmland Preservation Plan revision meetings had been held at several town halls throughout the county. Meetings were well attended, and sentiments regarding the program were mixed. Tom shared that additional meetings will be held to get more targeted information from the individual towns. Chairman Farrey asked that this topic be placed on the October LCC agenda for ongoing discussion as this process continues.
- Nancy Barker mentioned the GLNAC meeting regarding karst topography and related groundwater issues. Nancy also reminded everyone of the forth coming WLWCA Fall meeting scheduled for October 22, 2010 in Green Lake County. Tom asked that all LCC members decide if they're attending and let him know at the October 7, 2010 LCC meeting. Tom mentioned that an earlier response may be needed depending on the enrollment deadline set for the meeting.

Business Items:

Note: Due to a delay associated with agenda item A., Chairman Farrey requested and received committee approval to move to agenda item B.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost Share Agreements (CSA) to provide funding for eligible projects

Tom reviewed the summary of CSAs and explained the basic principles of Nutrient Management Planning (NMP) and its requirement to meet the Ag Perf Stds. Following a lengthy discussion, a Barker/Stokes motion to approve \$5,151.30 for NMP for Tom Jackson for CSAs 10-10 through 10-16, and \$717.00 for James Farley Estate/Joanne Willems, \$882.00 for Sarah Conklin, \$324.00 for Kevin Kucksdorf, \$560.00 for Phillip Houk, and \$602.00 for Steve and Joy Holgerson all for well abandonments, passed 6-0.

Review and Approve participation in the 2010 Deer Donation Program administered in conjunction with the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program

Brian Maedke, USDA-APHIS-WS, provided a detailed history of the Deer Donation Program and announced that the fee paid to the participating processors had been increased from \$50.00 to \$55.00 per deer. Brian and the LCC agreed the increase was long over due. Brian reviewed the program budget amendment required for the participation. An Eisen/Barker motion to approve the program budget amendment and participation in the 2010 Deer Donation Program passed 6-0.

Review and discuss the 2011 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) membership dues for Winnebago County

Tom explained the need for continued support of the WLWCA to the LCC. The LCC agreed with the needed support because of WLWCAs unique focus on conservation and financial support for staff and cost share dollars for landowners. Tom explained that had the WLWCA and WALCE not lobbied so effectively in Madison our county would have received substantially less in grant funding for 2010 and 2011. Chairman Farrey announced he had discussed this issue with Chairman Albrecht and was assured the WLWCA dues would be in the 2011 County Board budget, but at the 2010 level of \$1363.00. Tom explained the dues for 2011 were set at \$1909.50. The LCC asked Tom to explore alternative funding sources to generate the difference.

Review and Approve NR151/ATCP50 implementation /compliance notification letters

Tom reviewed the procedures associated with implementing the Ag Perf Stds and the need for the LCC to approve the notification letters prior to them being sent to the landowners. Copies of the contact letters being sent to Allen Farms Inc. and Albert Ihrig regarding their current compliance status and the issues identified on each farm were reviewed by the LCC. Chairman Farrey reinforced the need for the committee members to stay in tune with the process should they be contacted by a landowner. He also encouraged all members to review Chapter 92 of the State Statutes pertaining to the responsibilities of the LCC. Tom informed the LCC that several letters would be necessary with each landowner as they worked to achieve compliance with the Ag Perf Stds. Tom reminded the LCC that policy requires that no letters are sent to landowners without prior notice and that in many cases letters will be hand delivered to assure the landowner completely understands what is expected. Following the discussion a Barker/Bohn motion to approve the compliance notification letters passed 6-0.

A Barker /Reinert motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder