

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2010
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:00 a.m.

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

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Jon Bahrke

Others Present: Brian Maedke, USDA-APHIS-WS

Absent: none

Approve September 2, 2010, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Barker/Bohn motion to approve the September 2, 2010 LCC meeting minutes, passed 7-0

Announcements:

- Tom welcomed Ken Neubauer back after his extended absence.
- Tom reviewed the LWLWCA fall meeting scheduled for October 22, 2010 and recorded those that were planning to attend. Tom reminded everyone to get permission from Chairman Albrecht. Tom said LWCD would take care of sending in the paperwork for the meeting.
- Tom reviewed the letter sent to Richard Peapenberg regarding the unpermitted alteration of his manure storage facility. Tom explained LWCD will conduct an onsite inspection, issue the permit and do what is needed to resolve the issue.
- Tom distributed a portion of the County Code that prohibits solicitation by county employees. This information was request by Bruce Bohn at the September meeting.
- Tom explained that the concrete manure storage facility constructed last fall at Paul Kniers has cracks in it that need to be repaired. Tom explained that all required technical standards had been followed for the construction and that DATCP engineering staff had viewed the facility and are working with LWCD staff to prepare the required repair plan.
- Tom informed the LCC that Utica Energy had delivered a check for \$25,000 as required to comply with the settlement agreement.
- The LCC was given a revised departmental directory.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the 2011 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Budget and set the crop prices to be used to reimburse the 2010 program participants for their wildlife damage

Brian Maedke reviewed the proposed commodity prices to be paid to the program participants and explained how the prices are derived. Following a review and discussion of current commodity markets a Bohn/Barker motion to increase the field corn price from \$3.48 to \$3.75 and leave all other prices as proposed passed 7-0. (Price sheet is on file at LWCD)

Brian then reviewed the proposed 2011 WDACP budget and explained how the numbers were calculated. Following a brief discussion a Bohn / Stokes motion to approve the budget passed 7-0.

Discuss current status of the Farmland Preservation Plan revisions

Jon Bahrke reviewed the process taken by the Planning Department and provided future regional meeting information. Jon explained the next step was to get input from landowners and use that information to shape the Farmland Preservation Plan Map. Jon explained he continues to work with FPP participants to get them certified compliant with the Ag Perf Stds. Jon also mentioned the new software program being installed to track those landowners and parcels that are certified compliant. The LCC discussed the impacts of the FPP revisions. The LCC thanked Jon for his fine report. Chairman Farrey requested to have the item on the November LCC meeting agenda.

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

Tom reviewed the three well abandonments CSAs. Following a brief discussion, a Reinert/Neubauer motion to approve \$308.00 for Penni Popke, \$496.00 for Helen Olson and \$122.50 for David Weiss passed 7-0.

Review the 2010 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) annual conference enrollment information and voting rules

Tom explained the process for voting at the conference. Chairman Farrey explained he could not attend and that we would need to assign a delegate to vote on behalf of the Chairman. Nancy Barker and Ken Neubauer both expressed interest in attending and being the delegate. Chairman Farrey instructed Nancy and Ken to confirm their attendance by the November 4, 2010 LCC meeting and he would appoint a delegate at that time. Chairman Farrey requested this item be on the November LCC meeting agenda.

Review Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) spending authority revisions

The LCC reviewed the revisions to the spending authority and agreed that the balance provided to Winnebago County was more than adequate. Chairman Farrey explained that some of the funds from this pool had been transferred to another State account to fund the purchase of conservation easements.

Review and Approve NR151/ATCP50 implementation /compliance notification letters

There were no letters to approve and no action was taken by the LCC.

A Barker /Stokes motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 am passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder