

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of May 6, 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, Paul Eisen, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer, John Reinert, and Dan Stokes.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies

Others Present: Peter Peters, CED, Winnebago County FSA

Absent: Bruce Bohn, excused

Approve April 1, 2010, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Barker/Reinert motion to approve the April 1, 2010 LCC meeting minutes, passed 4-0-2 (New LCC members Neubauer and Eisen abstained).

Announcements:

- Tom welcomed Ken Neubauer and Paul Eisen to the LCC and asked that everyone introduce themselves and share a little background information. Tom also introduced Peter Peters, CED for FSA. Peter shared his agencies functions and its connection with LWCD.
- Tom provided LCC meeting schedules to Ken and Paul.
- Tom distributed the WLWCA “Thursday Note” newsletter to the LCC and explained its origin to Ken and Paul.
- Tom passed out a new LWCD/LCC directory to the LCC.
- Tom announced that Clarks Bay Corp had made a \$100.00 donation to WLWCA for operations expenses.
- Tom shared that a new state rule had been passed requiring all boats to operate at slow-no-wake within 100 feet of lake shorelines. Tom explained this will help in reducing large erosion causing wakes.
- Tom distributed the GLNAC Video Conference information for May 17, 2010, at UW Fox Valley. Members were encouraged to attend.
- Tom explained that Sue Locke’s space at the upcoming LWLWCA Spring meeting was available if someone else wanted to attend. Ken Neubauer will attend in her place.
- Tom announced that the June 3, 2010 LCC meeting will be held in meeting room A in the Coughlin Center to provide extra seating for the included LWRMP Public Hearing.
- Tom shared that interviews for the GIS Technician Position would be held on May 10th, 12th and 17th, 2010.

Business Items:

Review LWCD Mandated Programs and Responsibilities with the LCC

First, Tom passed out a list of commonly used Acronyms to the LCC members. Then, Tom explained each item on the list of Programs and Responsibilities. Tom answered questions about each item with assistance from other longtime LCC members. The LCC also discussed many of the other I & E efforts and other programs the LWCD provides that were not on the list. Tom mentioned he would elaborate on the County Water Quality Improvement Program at the next LCC meeting in June.

Approve, 2010 Joint DATCP/DNR Non-point Source Grant Contract

Tom explained that LCC authority to accept this grant had been given by a resolution approved by the County Board in 2009. Tom shared that this is our annual DNR/DATCP joint staffing and cost share grant. Following a brief discussion a Barker / Reinert motion to approve the contract passed 6-0. Chairman Farrey signed the contract as required.

Discuss Draft #1 of the Revised Winnebago County Land and Water Resource Management Plan

Tom passed out copies of the LWRMP and explained the importance of the plan as it relates to funding and the overall approach to addressing the resource concerns of Winnebago County. Tom explained that more tangible and quantifiable goal setting methods were incorporated into the new plan. Tom stated that getting “back to the basics” of reviewing the farmers operation, identifying resource issues and working with the landowner to address the problems is the overriding theme of the plan. Tom asked the LCC to review the plan during the coming month and share any comments with the LCC as part of the public hearing process at the next LCC meeting. Tom shared that DATCP staff had approved this draft of the plan and was sending it on to their legal department for additional review. DATCP was very complimentary of the plan and mentioned using it as a good template for other counties to follow.

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

There were no CSAs to approve. The LCC took no action on this agenda item.

Approve budget transfer to purchase a replacement vehicle for LWCD

Tom explained that the 1995 Chevrolet S10 truck was having unpredictable anti-lock brake issues causing a loss of normal braking function on dry pavement. It had been addressed many times by multiple dealers, brake specialist and the County Highway mechanics with no positive fix. Recently it occurred again on a highway off ramp and was taken to several shops for repair. No one can find the issue or reproduce the problem on a test drive. Disarming the anti-lock brake system would solve the issue but is not allowed by our insurance and would create unacceptable liability exposure for the County. Tom shared that based on the age of the vehicle and the uncertainty of making the correct repair, Jamey Gosz, Shop Superintendent, Highway Department has recommended that the vehicle be removed from service. Tom stated that the LWCD is entering into its busiest time of year with construction of practices and EC & Stormwater permit inspections which requires substantial vehicle usage. Tom added that the P & F Committee had approved the budget transfer earlier that morning by a vote of 4 -1. Following a brief discussion, and consensus that employee safety and County liability must be addressed, an Eisen / Stokes motion to approve the budget transfer passed 6-0.

A Barker / Stokes motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:36am passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder