

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2009

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: Due to an unexpected delay, courteously communicated to the LCC by Chairperson Barker, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Farrey at 9:07 a.m.

Present: LCC Members: Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Sue Locke, John Reinert, Dan Stokes and Bob Warnke.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Keith Marquardt

Others Present: none

Absent: none

Approve April 2, 2009, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Bohn / Locke motion to approve the April 2, 2009 LCC meeting minutes, passed 6-0.

Announcements:

- Tom informed the committee that Conservation Field Days was in full swing and celebrating its 30th Anniversary.
- Tom handed out the amended March 5th, 2009 LCC meeting minutes for the LCC members records.
- Tom informed the LCC that a \$150,000 grant had been awarded for the Oakridge Road Groundwater Remediation Project.
- Tom informed the LCC that Emerald Ash Borer had been confirmed in Vernon County Wisconsin.
- Tom reported that the WDNR Tree Sale pick up day was conducted on Wednesday, April 29th, 2009. Tom informed the LCC that over 100,000 trees were sorted by order / owner and loaded out for planting.
- Tom reported that the Craig manure pit project was moving forward now that the WDNR had completed its investigation. The LWCD will work with WDNR, DATCP and the Craig family to resolve the issue equitably while protecting the taxpayer's investment.
- Tom informed the LCC that he had begun discussions with P & Z regarding issuing all the Erosion Control permits for certain types of construction starting in 2010.
(**Note:** Chairperson Barker arrived at 9:15am and Vice-Chairman Farrey relinquished control of the meeting to her at that time.)
- Tom informed the LCC that the Third Annual LWCD Conservation Expo would be held on May 30th, 2009. Lead staff person for the Expo, Keith Marquardt, reviewed the upcoming event and distributed invitations to the LCC.
- Tom announced that FSA would be conducting three informational meetings in June, 2009, regarding the new ACRE program. Dan Stokes elaborated on the difference between the current programs and the ACRE program.

Business Items:

Progress Report on the Winnebago County MS4 Permit Process

Keith Marquardt, LWCD, reviewed the submittal of the MS4 Annual Report. Keith explained that the County has met the first requirement of 20% removal of Suspended Solids and has until 2013 to get to 40% removal to satisfy the permit requirements. Keith went on to explain the modeling process and how curb and gutter on roads makes it harder to achieve the removal goals as compared to grassed road ditches or swales. Keith also expressed his concern for the States request for County budget / financial information regarding the permit compliance process. The LCC thanked Keith for his fine report.

Approve WDNR Lake Protection Grant Application Resolution

Tom explained that the application resolution is intended to demonstrate the LCCs /LWCDs commitment to the project and willingness to meet the grant requirements. Keith explained that the grant was to offset the cost of WDNR experimental shore land protection practices that the landowner should not be made to fund. Following a brief discussion, a Farrey / Warnke motion to approve the resolution passed 7-0.

Approve / Disapprove, \$3000 Budget Transfer allowing LWCD to receive and allocate funds acquired through the Wisconsin Lakes Planning Grant Program to offset costs associated with the LWCD Annual Conservation Expo

Tom explained that this grant was to help offset costs associated with the Conservation Expo. A Farrey / Warnke motion to approve the Budget Transfer passed 7-0.

Approve, 2009 Joint DATCP/DNR Non-point Source Grant Contract

Tom explained that this was our 2009 SWRM Grant contract to provide funds for staff and conservation practice cost sharing for landowners. A Warnke / Farrey motion to approve the contract and send it to DATCP passed 7-0.

Approve / Disapprove, \$3300 Budget Transfer allowing LWCD to receive and allocate funds acquired through NRCS Contribution Agreement number 65-5F48-8-063

Tom reviewed that a resolution, previously submitted by the LCC to the County Board, had granted permission for LWCD to participate in the USDA, NRCS Contribution Agreement Program and this budget transfer would properly allocate the funds into the LWCD budget. A Warnke / Farrey motion to approve the budget transfer passed 7-0.

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

Tom reviewed the two CSAs, both for well abandonments on shore land properties and serving multiple dwellings. A Warnke / Stokes motion to approve \$473.00 for Roger Evans -CSA 09-03 and \$535.00 for the Rush Lake Cottage Corporation, C/O James H. Prellwitz -CSA 09-04, passed 7-0.

A Farrey / Warnke motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10am passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder