

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2009
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barker at 8:12 a.m.

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

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Chad Casper

Others Present: none

Absent: Bruce Bohn, excused.

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

Announcements:

- Tom informed the committee that Bruce Bohn had called in and excused himself for the meeting due to harvesting obligations on his farm.
- Tom distributed copies of a newspaper article written about a shoreline protection and wildlife habitat project installed by LWCD and WDNR.
- Tom reviewed the letter he sent to the United Coop congratulating them on receiving the State Environmental Achievement Award.
- Tom informed the LCC that the Emerald Ash Borer had been found in a trap in Green Bay.
- Tom reminded the LCC that the 2010 dues for the WLWCA would be \$1367.47. Tom explained the many things provided by the WLWCA. The committee asked Tom to provide the list of WLWCA accomplishments and services to Chairman Barker so she can review it with County Board Chairman Albrecht.
- Tom handed out a notice provided by Keith Marquardt, for a Public Radio program/talk show to feature Land and Water Conservation.
- Tom distributed a list of the sites to be visited on the morning's educational tour.
- Bob Warnke, John Reinert and Dan Stokes reported on the LWLWCA Summer tour they attended on July 31, 2009. They explained the vegetable market, mint farm operations and the bio-diesel program. All were very pleased with the program provided by Marquette County.
- Chairman Barker reported on the Glacierland RC& D tour she attended on July 31, 2009. She explained how power was being generated from wood and other biomass, and how landfill materials may be exhumed in the future to be used in this process.

Business Items:

Progress report on the Cory & Dennis Craig Manure Pit Abandonment or Reconstruction Project in the Town of Rushford

Tom reported that the pit contents analysis was complete; WDNR had reviewed the test results and determined that the product could be handled and utilized as livestock waste. Tom explained that this was very good news. Tom stated that Dennis Craig had been working with a neighbor to find a field(s), get it soil tested, and then LWCD will determine the appropriate application rates for the crops to be grown.

Review the 2009 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program changes and Reapprove, \$10,300 Amendment to the 2009 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program Budget to provide funding for the Wisconsin Deer Donation Program and review program changes

Tom explained that the LCC had already approved the funding for the Deer Donation Program in the original 2009 budget approval in October of 2008, however due to a technicality, the WDNR had removed it before approving. Therefore, as in years previous, a separate budget amendment would need to be approved for the County to participate in the Deer Donation Program. Vice-chairman Farrey asked if anything had been done to increase the fee to the processors. Tom and Chairman Barker explained that the request to have the fee increased was sent to the Legislative Committee and sent on to WDNR, but the payment for the 2009 program is set at \$50.00. Bob Warnke stated that the processors are told in advance what the payment will be and choose freely to participate in the program. Warnke went on to say that we should not volunteer more of the taxpayer's money if we can get the work done for the current fee. The LCC agreed it was a very good program and the County should participate. A Warnke / Stokes motion to approve the budget amendment passed 5-0-1, Chuck Farrey abstained.

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

Tom reviewed the two well abandonments in the town of Menasha, one for Robert and Tracie Gustafson for \$532.00 and one for Emil and Jean Leppiaho for \$224.00. Following a brief discussion a Farrey / Reinart motion to approve the CSAs passed 6-0.

Approve the 2009 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant reimbursement request for \$159,566

Tom explained that this was our annual SWRM grant reimbursement for staff expenses. Following a very brief discussion a Warnke/Farrey motion to approve the request passed 6-0.

LCC Educational Tour to view installed Conservation Practices

The LCC left the conference room and proceeded to the vehicles taking them on the tour. Tom Davies and Chad Casper drove the two vehicles. The LCC visited eight different installed conservation practices, ranging from shoreline protection to barnyard runoff control systems. A list of the tour sites and practices viewed is on file at the LWCD with these minutes. After completing the tour the committee arrived at the Fin and Feather restaurant in Winneconne at 12:30pm for lunch. Following lunch the LCC returned to the Coughlin Center where a Warnke /Farrey motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50pm passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder