

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

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barker at 9:03 a.m.

Present: LCC Members: Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn (arrived 9:08), Chuck Farrey, Sue Locke, John Reinert, Dan Stokes and Bob Warnke.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Keith Marquardt, Brent Jalonon and Melanie Leet

Others Present: None

Absent: None

Approve December 3, 2009, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Warnke/Stokes motion to approve the December 3, 2009 LCC meeting minutes, passed 6-0.

Announcements:

- Tom distributed and reviewed a copy of the letter sent to DATCP by the LWCD opposing the Preliminary Allocation Plan that did not follow the State Legislatures 2010-11 Budget Guidelines. Keith added that 58 Counties had contacted DATCP opposing the Plan. It is hoped that this will cause the plan to be revised to include the \$250,000 that had been cut from the staffing grant portion of the allocation plan.
- Tom announced that Brian Maedke, USDA, Wildlife Services would be at the February LCC meeting so the LCC can review and approve/disapprove the 2009 WDACP participants' claims.

Business Items:

MS4 Permit and Stormwater Status Report

Keith reviewed a presentation given to the Highway Department employees and Committee. The presentation asked 10 specific questions to help create awareness of the small amount of "useable water" available to humans, and the different things that can affect rain water quality as it travels overland. Keith's presentation also explained the different things the Highway Department employees should be looking for and the proper individuals to contact if observed. Keith explained how this presentation was satisfying part of the Educational requirements of the County's MS4 Permit. Keith answered the LCC's questions and they commended him on his presentation.

Review Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LWCD and P&Z

Tom distributed a draft copy of the MOU sent by P & Z. Tom reviewed the document with the LCC and shared the edit recommendations provided by himself, Keith, and Brent and the reasons for the proposed changes. The LCC discussed the MOU and agreed with the proposed changes. Tom stated he would contact Jerry Bougie, P & Z to convey the recommended edits and would bring the revised MOU back to the LCC in February, following the P & Z Committee meeting.

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

Tom and Melanie reported that the reconstruction portion of the Manure Pit reclamation project at the Cory and Dennis Craig farm had been completed. The only thing left to do was scrape up the manure north of the pit and apply it to cropland. Melanie added that this spring the structure needed to be seeded and re-fenced. Tom stated that he had sent a letter to the Craigs outlining the remaining tasks and informing them that the project was not complete and compliant until all the requirements had been

completed. Tom also stated that he had informed DATCP and DNR of the project's current status and expressed his concern for the unconfined manure pile. Tom and Melanie said they would continue to monitor the situation and communicate with Craigs to reinforce the need for them to comply as soon as possible.

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

Tom reviewed the 13 Nutrient Management Planning CSAs for Pamer Farms enrolling approximately 819 acres for an estimated \$22,739.00 over four years. These CSAs will bring the 819 acres into compliance with the NMP requirement of the NR151, Wisconsin Ag Performance Standards. Following a brief discussion, a Farrey/Reinert motion to approve the funds for the CSAs passed 7-0.

Discuss LWLWCA Agenda Topics for 2010 meetings

Tom asked the LCC to provide some ideas for this year's meetings. Bruce asked what some of the "hot topics" are at the current time within the region covered by the LWLWCA. The LCC and LWCD staff created a list of preliminary list of topics that include: Stormwater and MS4 Permit issues, Impacts of ATCP 51- Working Lands Initiative and the revised Farmland Preservation Program, Impacts of the proposed revisions to NR151- Ag Performance Standards, Impacts of the revised NR115 regarding Shoreland Zoning.

The LCC also discussed the request for additional funds by WLWCA because of expected 2010 budget shortfalls. The LCC was not in favor of providing or requesting supplemental dues from the 2010 budget for WLWCA. The majority recognized the importance of the organization but did not feel the need to cover the dues for those counties that were not going to contribute in 2010 or other grant reductions causing the shortfalls. Tom suggested a possible increase in the LWLWCA dues that could be ear marked for the WLWCA. The idea was not supported by a majority of the LCC.

A Farrey / Bohn motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45am passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder