

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2014

Meeting Room A., James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:03 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Nancy Barker, James Englebert, Chuck Farrey and Tom Snider.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies

Others Present: Jake Vande Berg/FSA, Barry Benson, USDA, WS, Steve Easterly and Rachel Pette, WDNR

Absent: Ken Neubauer, Bruce Bohn (excused).

Note: The new USDA, FSA appointee to the LCC had not been determined before this meeting.

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy:

Chairman Farrey confirmed with Tom Davies that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve January 2, 2014 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Barker/Englebert motion to approve the January 2, 2014 LCC meeting minutes passed 4-0.

Announcements:

- Tom S. shared information he learned at a meeting regarding the LP Gas shortage and its effects on northern Wisconsin residence.
- Tom D. announced that “Conservation Field Days” was scheduled for May 7, 2014 in Winneconne; May 8, 2014 is the rain date.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the 2014 LWLWCA dues of \$100.00 and the 2014 Glacierland RC & D dues of \$75.00 will be paid.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the LWCD staff is working on the 2013 Annual Report. Tom offered space in the report to the LCC should they want to provide an article.
- Tom D. reviewed the AIS Coordinator program and grant application status with the LCC. Tom also outlined the outcome of a meeting with ECWRPC, Glacierland RC& D, Golden Sands RC & D, and the LWCDs from Calumet, Fond du Lac, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties regarding the AIS program.
- Tom D. distributed DATCP’s February 2014 Monthly Report for the LCC to review.

Business Items:

Review and Approve or Deny, the 2013 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Participant Claims

Barry Benson, USDA, WS reviewed the “Claims Summary” with the LCC. Barry noted that James Fischer had not met his harvest quota but had recorded sufficient hunting hours in the log to warrant allowing a waiver and paying the claim. Following a brief discussion, an Englebert/Snider motion to allow the waiver for James Fischer and pay his claim passed 4-0. A second Englebert/Barker motion to approve and pay all the other claims that had met the program requirements passed 4-0. A total of \$20,794.39 would be paid for the 2013 claims.

Report on the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP), Current Trends and Interesting Happenings

Barry Benson, USDA, WS presented information on a host of items that he works with outside of the WDACP. Barry shared information on nuisance animals and birds. He discussed trapping and relocation, tagging and radio collaring, baiting and discarding, and the protection of endangered species and their specific habitat needs. Mr. Benson provided photos of wildlife encounters and explained the very interesting aspects of his job. The LCC was very appreciative and thanked Barry for his enlightening and educational presentation.

WLWCA Conservation Education Poster Contest Judging

The LCC individually reviewed the submitted posters within each category and recorded their individual selections for first, second and third place. The LCC was very supportive of reviving the poster contest and keeping it going in the future.

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; therefore the LCC took no action.

A Snider/Englebert motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. passed 4-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder