

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2014

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Snider at 9:30 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, John Egan, Larry Kriescher, Ken Neubauer and Tom Snider.

**LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies and Mike Haase

Others Present: Jake Vande Berg, FSA

Absent: Chuck Farrey, excused

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy:  
Vice-Chairman Snider confirmed with Tom Davies that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve April 3, 2014, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Barker/Neubauer motion to approve the April 3, 2014, LCC meeting minutes passed 5-0-1 (Kriescher abstained).

Announcements:

- Tom D. and the returning LCC members welcomed Larry Kriescher to the LCC.
- Tom D. announced that the LWLWCA Summer Tour would be held in Fond du Lac County on 7/25/2014. Information regarding the meeting will be provided when available.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the 2014 SWRM Grant contract was fully executed and funds could now be used for reimbursements and committed to Cost Share Agreements (CSAs).
- Tom D. distributed a copy of a letter sent to Paul and Carol Knier regarding their manure storage overtopping and other issues related to the maintenance of cost shared projects.
- Tom D. provided handouts regarding the 2014 Farm Bill. The information was provided to the LWCD by Jimmy Bramblett, Wisconsin NRCS State Conservationist.
- Tom shared information and signs regarding the June 7, 2014 “Breakfast on the Farm” event.
- Tom D. provided a new staff and committee members directory to the LCC.
- Tom D. announced that the separate 2015 SWRM Grant resolution authorizing use of the funds was not necessary because use of the funds will be approved within the 2015 Budget process. Tom D. stated he had discussed it with Chuck Orenstein, Finance Director and the appropriate individuals at DATCP.
- Tom D. shared with the LCC that the 2014 Tree Sale went very well using the garage/storage building at the Coughlin Center and that the sale would remain at this location until the tree orders exceed the building’s capacity.

Business Items:

Approve a 2014 Budget Transfer for Acceptance and Use of a 2014 WDNR/DATCP NOI/NOD Project Funding Grant, and the Associated Resolution for County Board Approval

Tom D. reviewed the budget transfer and associated resolution. Following a brief discussion, a Neubauer/Bohn motion to approve the budget transfer and resolution passed 5-0-1 (Egan abstained).

Review and Approve NR151/ATCP50 Implementation/Compliance Notification Letters

Tom D. reviewed the NR151/ATCP Compliance Notification Letters Summary with the LCC. Following a brief discussion, a Bohn/Egan motion to approve the letters for mailing to the landowners passed 6-0.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost Share Agreements (CSA) to Provide Funding for Eligible Projects

There were no CSAs, therefore the LCC took no action.

Discuss the Possible Impacts of Wisconsin Senate Bill 547 (SB 547)

Tom D. explained the basis for Senate Bill 547 and the variance it provides for municipal sanitary districts with regard to the phosphorus reduction requirements identified by the WDNR. Tom D. shared that eligible sanitary districts would be allowed to pay their County LWCDs an annual amount based on their phosphorus discharge. These funds would be used by the LWCDs to cost share phosphorus reduction projects and staff costs. Tom D. also stated that the EPA needed to review and approve the variance and the WDNR would have to promulgate the rules for administering SB 547. It was the consensus of all that much more information was needed before the LCC and LWCD could decide whether or not to participate in the variance program provided by the new SB 547.

A Neubauer/Bohn motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder