

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2011
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:05 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn, Paul Eisen, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer and Dan Stokes.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies

Others Present: none

Absent: Nancy Barker, excused and James Englebert, excused.

Approve May 5, 2011 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Neubauer/ Bohn motion to approve the May 5, 2011 LCC meeting minutes, passed 5-0

Announcements:

- Tom announced that the 2011 SWRM Grant Contract was fully approved and the funds can be used for projects and practices.
- Tom distributed the two WLWCA “Thursday Notes” and discussed some of the topics with the LCC. The merger of the WLWCA and WALCE was the main discussion item.
- Tom announced that the new MUNIS accounting system was being implemented on July 1, 2011 and that Lynette, Chad and himself would be taking training on the system.
- Tom announced that the LWCD and USDA, NRCS would be conducting four informational meetings from 10:00am to noon the last week of July at the Nekimi, Winchester, Vinland and Rushford town halls. The meetings will cover current programs and projects available to the landowners of Winnebago County.

Business Items:

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

Tom reviewed the CSA to be approved and distributed pictures of the hand dug well to be abandoned. Following a brief discussion, a Neubauer/Bohn motion to approve \$658.00 for Sandra Gutierrez for a well abandonment passed 5-0.

Status report on the Marvin Potratz manure storage abandonment project

Tom distributed pictures of the manure storage abandonment project at the Marvin Potratz farm. Tom explained the steps involved with the project and answered questions from the LCC. Tom explained that the project is completed except for some final grading to direct surface water away from the project site. The LCC thanked Tom for providing the photos thus giving them a better understanding of what happens during a manure storage abandonment project.

Discuss draft letter to WDNR addressing the removal of reoccurring nuisance materials from a natural and/or man made watercourse in the Winnebago System

Tom explained the reasons for drafting the letter and what was trying to be done by DNR staff to help shoreland owners, towns and municipalities that are faced with removing these unwanted materials. The LCC discussed the many instances where these situations occur and how a low cost DNR General Permit to abate the obstruction would be very equitable and beneficial for all concerned. Tom stated that a permit of this type would get the problems addressed and protect the resource. A Bohn/Neubauer motion to approve the letter as written passed 5-0.

Discuss current status of the Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) revisions

Chairman Farrey and Tom reviewed the recent round of meetings held to allow landowners to view the FPP maps and verify that their land was mapped as requested. Tom explained that two more meetings were going to be held at Winneconne and Clayton this evening to complete the review process. Chairman Farrey explained that the process was very near conclusion and that he was very satisfied with the fact that landowners were allowed to participate voluntarily and without undue pressure from outside sources. Bruce asked if there was going to be another viewing of the final maps for individuals to verify/ensure their requested changes were implemented. Chairman Farrey and Tom instructed him to meet with his Town Representative on the FPP Steering Committee to confirm the changes were made correctly.

An Eisen/Neubauer motion to adjourn at 10:17am passed 5-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder