

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2014

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:00 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, John Egan (arrived 9:05am), Chuck Farrey, Larry Kriescher, Ken Neubauer and Tom Snider.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Sheila Kiddy

Others Present: Jake Vande Berg, FSA and Merrie Schamberger, NRCS

Absent: none

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

Announcements:

- Tom D. passed out a copy of a letter to David Kellerman regarding the overtopping of his manure storage facility and citation issuance.
- Tom D. announced that the LWLWCA would be meeting on June 18, 2014 for new LCC member training and a brief business meeting.
- Tom D. distributed the “Wisconsin Conservation Engineering News” that contained an article about off shore, shoreland protection projects installed by Winnebago County LWCD.
- Tom D. gave a brief update/progress report on the current shoreland inventory being conducted by LWCD.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that NRCS has included the Winnebago County portion of the Lower Fox River watershed in the new Phosphorus Reduction Initiative provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). This will provide additional funding for cost sharing projects with landowners that will reduce phosphorus loading into the Lower Fox River.
- Jake Vande Berg, FSA reviewed the new Continuous CRP sign up program.
- Merrie Schamberger, NRCS reviewed the new Cover Crops program available to landowners for the fall of 2014.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that Paul Knier had not complied with the requirements or timeline spelled out in the letter sent to him regarding his failure to maintain his cost shared animal lot project. Tom explained that he would be following up with additional communication to the Kniers and DATCP.

Business Items:

Winnebago County Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) Permit Status Report
Tom D. provided information regarding the County’s new WDNR MS4 Permit effective May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2019. Tom highlighted the new/additional requirements of the Permit and their association with potential TMDL discharge limits.

Preliminary Discussion of the Noffke Estate Property in the Town of Winneconne and a Potential Offshore Shoreline Protection Project

Tom D. shared that the WDNR was currently reviewing the offer from the Noffke Estate to take ownership of their 80 acre property located on the south shore of Lake Winneconne. Tom D. went on to explain that the site had been identified as a resource concern 15 years prior and a shoreland protection project had been designed for the site. Due to the project size and cost, Noffkes were unable to complete the project. Tom D. stated that if the WDNR would take ownership of the property that Winnebago County would like to partner with WDNR and possibly other groups/agencies to fund and install the project. Tom D. stated that the project was certainly eligible for cost sharing and provided a map for the LCC to review and reference. Tom D. also discussed the possibility of exceeding the \$20,000 cost share cap due to the large cost of the project. Following discussion, the LCC expressed unanimous support for the project and would consider exceeding the \$20,000 cap once more information about the project was presented.

Review and Approve the DATCP NOI/NOD Funds and the SWRM Grant Re-allocation

Tom D. reviewed the \$64,000 Grant re-allocation with the LCC. Tom D. explained that DATCP was providing the funding and would be adding it to our current SWRM grant allowing the LWCD to use any excess funds on other projects within the County. Following a brief discussion, a Bohn/Neubauer motion to approve the funds re-allocation passed 6-0-1 (Egan abstained).

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.

A Neubauer/Barker motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder