

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2012  
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, James Englebert, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer, Tom Snider, and Dan Stokes

**LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies and Andy Maracini

Others Present: Jake Vande Berg, CED, FSA and Barry Benson, USDA WS

Absent: none

Approve May 3, 2012 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Neubauer/Englebert motion to approve the May 3, 2012 LCC meeting minutes, passed 7-0

Announcements:

- Tom introduced Andy Maracini, GIS Technician, LWCD to the LCC. Andy provided his background information and the LCC members each introduced themselves to Andy.
- Tom informed the LCC that Melanie Boone, intern, NRCS, would be assisting the LWCD with Ag Performance compliance efforts.
- Tom mentioned that Brent Jalonen had transferred to Zoning as of June 1, 2012 and that the transition had gone smoothly. Tom added that LWCD was still assisting with a few projects/permits.
- Tom informed the LCC that DATCP had completed a review of Winnebago County's current FPP implementation program. The review was very positive. DATCP and LWCD will be partnering on a mailing to the known FPP claimants to explain the current FPP requirements.
- Tom shared that the LWCD 2013 Budget process on the new MUNIS accounting system was progressing well.
- Tom informed the LCC that he had attended an informational meeting on the proposed KRONOS system.
- Tom distributed the WLWCA "Thursday Note" newsletter for LCC review.
- Tom handed out the revised LCC/LWCD directory.
- Jake Vande Berg, FSA shared the latest information regarding the 2012 Federal Farm Bill. Chairman Farrey thanked Jake for his fine report.

Business Items:

Review the Current Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) and Approve any Necessary Abatement Projects or Practices

Barry Benson, USDA WS gave a brief overview of the current WDACP and how it is administered. Barry informed the LCC that Russell and Lanette Pomplun, owners of Marty's Blue Sky Nursery, 3175 County Road E, Eureka, WI, 54963, in the town of Rushford, were currently experiencing substantial losses due to deer damage to their nursery stock and were considering installing an approved perimeter fence on their property. This fence would be cost-shared through the WDACP with WDNR funding. Barry explained that a shooting permit is not possible in this location because of the close proximity to nearby homes.

Bruce Bohn commented that the project site is located within a one-mile transition area for development and was concerned about the impact a large perimeter fence might have. Bruce further explained that Bohn Investments owned development property in that area. James Englebert stated that the landowner is experiencing deer damage that has been verified by USDA, WS, therefore the landowner is eligible for the cost sharing through the WDACP. Englebert further stated that the LCC should approve the project contingent on approval by the Town of Rushford. Following further discussion an Englebert/Snider motion to approve the project request for Russell and Lanette Pomplun contingent on approval by the Town of Rushford passed 6-1 (Bohn opposed).

Tom stated that on behalf of LWCD and USDA, WS he would communicate with the Town of Rushford regarding the project and would request a written response from the Town as soon as possible to expedite the fence installation, should Pompluns decide to proceed with the project.

#### Discuss 2012 WLWCA Annual Meeting

Tom explained that the first WLWCA Annual Meeting was scheduled for October 4 & 5, 2012 which is the same date as the LCC's October meeting. Tom stated that in order to have representation from the LCC & LWCD at the WLWCA meeting, the LCC's October meeting should be rescheduled. Chairman Farrey, with agreement from the LCC, laid over this agenda item until the LCC's July meeting to allow the committee members time to review their calendars prior to rescheduling the LCC's October meeting. Chairman Farrey instructed Tom to place this item on the LCC's July Meeting Agenda.

#### 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 and the LCC took no action.

#### Discuss current status of the Farmland Preservation Plan revisions

Chairman Farrey explained that the Winnebago County Planning Department received a letter from Keith Foye, DATCP, requesting additional information regarding the actual process used during the rewrite of the Farmland Preservation Plan. This information was being provided by the Planning Department and once reviewed by DATCP it is anticipated the Plan will be approved/certified by the State of Wisconsin.

A Barker/Neubauer motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder