

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2011
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 8:05 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Nancy Barker, Paul Eisen, James Englebert, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer and Dan Stokes.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Chad Casper, Melanie Leet & Keith Marquardt

Others Present: Gloria Davis & Ben Hughes

Absent: Bruce Bohn

Approve July 7, 2011 LCC Meeting Minutes: An Englebert/Barker motion to approve the July 7, 2011 LCC meeting minutes, passed 6-0

Announcements:

- Tom announced the *Summer Tour* for shoreland protection scheduled for August 17, 2011 and distributed the invitation to the LCC. Paul Eisen shared a newspaper article from the Oshkosh NW regarding the tour.
- Tom made the LCC aware that the LWCD had issued two citations for EC permit violations.
- Tom distributed and reviewed the WLWCA and WALCE merger information with the LCC.
- Tom mentioned the Town Hall meetings that were held the last week of July and commented on some of the main issues brought forth by attendees. Tom will provide a summary when completed.

Business Items:

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

Following a brief review of the projects, a Barker/Neubauer motion to approve \$350.00 for Richard Thayer and \$428.00 for Kyle Hjelmberg for well abandonments passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the 2011 State SWRM Grant Reimbursement Request for \$167,568.32

Tom explained the funds are provided by DATCP & DNR to provide financial assistance for staff and support and that the actual reimbursement would be \$150,380.00. Following a brief discussion a Barker/Neubauer motion to approve the reimbursement request passed 6-0.

Discuss the \$1,920.92 WLWCA 2012 membership dues

The LCC discussed the dues request and the fact that the dues had not been included in the 2012 County Board budget. Chairman Farrey explained that he was instructed by Chairman Albrecht to request them during the budget review process in October 2011. The LCC all agreed the organization was very valuable to the County and membership should be sustained. Chairman Farrey stated he would do some additional research on the topic.

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

Chairman Farrey reported that the final draft of the FPP map had been completed. The next step was to complete the revisions to the FPP and submit it all to DATCP for approval. Chairman Farrey explained that the process has allowed each landowner to participate voluntarily which was very important to the steering committee overseeing the FPP revision process.

Conduct LCC Educational Tour to view installed Conservation Practices

The LCC viewed multiple conservation practices installed throughout Winnebago County (a list of the landowners and practices is on file with the minutes), visited with several landowners at the sites, ate lunch at "Critters" in Winneconne, viewed several other sites and returned to the Coughlin Center.

An Englebert/Neubauer motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:50pm passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder