

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2014
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:04 a.m.

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

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies & Chad Casper

Others Present: 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 July 3, 2014, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Snider/Kriescher motion to approve the July 3, 2014, LCC meeting minutes passed 7-0.

Announcements:

- Tom D. extended condolences to Bruce Bohn on the passing of his Mother and to Ken Neubauer on the passing of his Brother.
- Tom D. and Nancy Barker provided a review of the LWLWCA Summer Tour and meeting they attended on July 25, 2014.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that he would be asking them to review the WQIP Buffer Program to address current limitations.
- Tom D. reported that the LWRMP is being reviewed as part of the five-year extension process and may require LCC participation and approval at some point.
- Tom D. notified the LCC that LWCD had a display at the County Fair, special thanks to Melanie Leet for set up and oversight.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that LWCD would be involved with a large scale Cover Crops research plot at Cross Farms LLC in the Town of Winneconne. The plot will be multi-year and multi-dimensional.
- Tom D. distributed the DATCP 2013 Annual Report and the DATCP July 2014 Newsletter for LCC review.
- Tom D. read an email from Greg Hines regarding the changes occurring with Glacierland RC&D.
- Tom D. announced that he and Chuck Farrey would be meeting with Executive Harris to review the proposed 2015 LWCD Budget on August 12, 2014 at 9:00 am.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that he would be on vacation from August 13 to 22, 2014, returning to work on August 25, 2014.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey stated his report topic would be included in the discussion under Agenda Item C.

Business Items:

Progress Report on the “Weigh in on the Winnebago Waterways” Project

Chad Casper, LWCD provided a summary of the options identified by the independent consulting firm contracted to gather stakeholder information and present ideas on the best way to manage the Winnebago System in a multi-jurisdictional region. Chad reviewed each option and answered questions during discussion. Chad informed the LCC that several meetings were scheduled with local government representatives to comment on the options and provide further direction. Chad will provide the LCC with the final report once completed.

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

Tom reviewed the CSAs listed on the summary. Following a brief review and discussion of the projects, a Bohn/Barker motion to approve \$1,351.00 for two well abandonments for Tom Karrels and \$437.00 for a well abandonment for Vicki Daniels passed 7-0.

Presentation by Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation (WFBF) Staff and Follow-up Discussion Regarding the EPA’s Proposed Rule “Waters of the United States”, Which Reflects the EPA’s Latest Interpretation of the 1972 Clean Water Act

Tom D. informed the LCC that the WFBF representative had contacted LWCD and explained they were not prepared to present on the topic at this time and requested they be placed on the September 4, 2014 LCC meeting agenda. Tom D. provided information created by the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) that spelled out the concerns associated with EPA’s proposed rule. The LCC reviewed and discussed the information. Chairman Farrey suggested that the September LCC meeting be convened in a larger venue to accommodate additional attendees from the public that might want to hear the WFBF’s presentation on this topic. Tom D. agreed to find out if a larger meeting room was available.

A Neubauer/Barker motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder