

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of January 2, 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, James Englebert, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer, Tom Snider, and Dan Stokes; **LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies, and Nikki Truyma

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 December 5, 2013 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Neubauer/Stokes motion to approve the December 5, 2013 LCC meeting minutes passed 7-0.

Announcements:

- Tom D. recognized Dan Stokes for his dedicated service to the LCC over the last seven years and for his ongoing commitment to conservation. Dan's term on the FSA Committee is over at the end of January and thus his appointment to the LCC ends as well. The LCC thanked Dan for his valuable participation and wished him well in his future endeavors.
- Tom D. introduced Nikki Truyma, FVTC Work Study Program Volunteer. Nikki introduced herself to the LCC; in return, the LCC introduced themselves and welcomed Nikki to the LWCD.
- Tom D. distributed the 2014 LCC Meeting Schedule that had been approved at the December 2013 meeting. Bruce Bohn informed Tom D. that he would not be able to attend the February 6, 2014 LCC Meeting.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the 2014 WLWCA dues will be paid. Dues for 2014 are \$1,947.00, an increase of \$9.00 over the 2013 dues.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that all the towns involved with the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) in Winnebago County would be eligible for the 2013 FPP tax credits.
- Tom D. announced that the LWCD, FSA and NRCS would be sharing a booth at the WPS Farm Show being held March 25-27, 2014 at the EAA Grounds in Oshkosh, WI.
- Tom D. distributed the DATCP's December 2013 Monthly Report for the LCC to review.
- Chuck Farrey informed the LCC that the WCA Ag Committee would be addressing the "Implements of Husbandry" rules that affect the use of Town roads by large farm equipment.

Business Items:

Review and Approve/Disapprove a Letter of Support for Glacierland RC & D's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant Application

Tom discussed the need for additional education in the region regarding AIS. Tom also explained the need for an outside source to partner with affected counties and other groups currently addressing AIS issues. Following a light discussion, a Snider/Barker motion to approve the letter passed 7-0.

Review DATCP's Proposed Criteria for the Staffing Formula for the 2015 SWRM Grant
Tom D. referred the LCC to a letter provided in their packets from John Petty, DATCP to the State Land and Water Conservation Board regarding the proposed changes to the DATCP Staffing Formula for the 2015 SWRM Grants. Tom D. explained that DATCP was changing the formula to better "target" its staff support funds towards County staff that are actively engaged in implementing/addressing the State's priorities such as NMP, Ag Performance Standards and overall conservation on the land. The issue is that some counties that have merged their LWCD with other departments are requesting support funds for personnel that may not be primarily involved with achieving the State priorities. The LCC discussed the issue and understood the reasoning behind the proposed changes. Tom D. stated that the current push is to have DATCP meet with all effected agencies in 2014, and to implement any agreed upon changes in the 2016 SWRM Grant application. Tom D. informed the LCC he would keep them abreast of any new discussions or proposals.

Discuss the January 30, 2014 LWLWCA Planning Meeting and Elections/Candidates for the State Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB)

Tom D. explained to the LCC that this meeting would provide an opportunity to nominate LCC members to the State LWCB. The nominees would be voted for at the Annual WLWCA conference in March 2014. Tom also recorded who would be attending the meeting. The LCC discussed the current LWCB members and decided to support the current LWLWCA representative Joe Piechowski. There were no resolutions for the WLWCA conference discussed.

Review and Approve NR151/ATCP50 Implementation/Compliance Notification Letters

There were no letters to approve; therefore, the LCC took no action.

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

Tom D. reviewed the projects listed on the summary sheet. Following a discussion of the projects, an Englebert/Neubauer motion to approve \$4,900.00 for Greg and Peggy Goltz's wetland restoration, and \$826.00 for Bill Rotchford's well abandonment passed 7-0.

A Neubauer/Englebert motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder