

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of October 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, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer and Tom Snider

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies

Others Present: Jon Kellermann, FVTC, Peggy Frank, FSA, Merrie Schamberger, NRCS and Barry Benson, USDA, WS

Absent: John Egan and Larry Kriescher, excused

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 September 4, 2014, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Neubauer/Bohn motion to approve the September 4, 2014, LCC meeting minutes passed 5-0.

Announcements:

- Tom D. distributed DATCP's "September-2014 Newsletter" for LCC review.
- Tom D. announced he would be on vacation October 3-10, 2014.
- Tom D. distributed the LWLWCA October 24, 2014 meeting information and recorded those LCC members that planned on attending.
- Peggy Frank reviewed the new FSA Grain Program.
- Merrie Schamberger reviewed the EQIP program and expressed concerns regarding manure storage applications not having completed and approved designs and required permits before submittal, thus receiving a lower ranking for funding. Tom D. will prepare a letter to NRCS headquarters regarding the issue. The LCC will review and approve the letter at their next meeting.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey reported on an issue with WCA attempting to dissolve the Ag Committee and merge it into the Environmental and Land Use Committee.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the 2014 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Crop Prices to be used to Reimburse the Program Participants for their Crop Damage

Barry Benson reviewed the proposed prices offered by USDA. Bruce Bohn and Peggy Frank, FSA provided current market information. Following a brief discussion a Bohn/Neubauer motion to set the corn price at \$3.00/bu, soybean price at \$8.70/bu, alfalfa hay at \$140.00/ton and Apiary supplies as proposed (apiary supply prices are on file at LWCD) passed 5-0.

Review and Approve the 2015 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Budget

Barry Benson reviewed the proposed 2015 WDACP Budget. Following a brief discussion a Snider/Neubauer motion to approve the proposed budget passed 5-0.

Discuss Selling LWCD's 1991 Truax No-Till Drill to Fox Valley Technical College for Educational Activities in the Natural Resources and Ag-Equipment Departments and to Secure Future Use for Winnebago County Constituents

Tom D. and Jon Kellermann, FVTC reviewed the current FVTC programs and the reasoning behind selling the drill to the school. Jon Kellermann explained that the students would be working with the drill and learning why it is important to have grasslands. Tom D. explained that the drill repair costs were too high and this was a way to keep the drill available for use by Winnebago County constituents. The LCC discussed the proposal and were very supportive. Chairman Farrey requested the proposal be brought forward as a motion item at next month's meeting when all the details have been worked out.

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. Tom pointed out that one of the well abandonment projects had exceeded the current \$1,000.00 cost share limit (\$1,386.00) and that the LCC would need to grant permission to pay the additional \$386.00. Following a brief review and discussion of the projects, a Bohn/Snider motion to approve \$350.00 for Aaron Minzlaff, \$175.00 for Douglas Nelson, \$364 for Brenda Meyer, \$770.00 for Larry Keys, \$1,386.00 for Michael and Yi Kim, and \$487.00 for Kevin and Mary Andrasko, all for well abandonment projects passed 5-0.

A Snider/Barker motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. passed 5-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder