

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2011
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, Paul Eisen, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer and Dan Stokes.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Bill Shockley

Others Present: Jake Vande Berg, FSA, Merrie Schamberger and Barry Benson, USDA Wildlife Services

Absent: James Englebert, excused

Approve September 1, 2011 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Barker/Neubauer motion to approve the September 1, 2011 LCC meeting minutes, passed 6-0

Announcements:

- Tom explained the different methods used to communicate the results to the Town Hall Meetings held in July. The LCC had asked for that to happen at the September meeting.
- Tom distributed a new LCC Directory listing Ken Neubauer's new address.
- Tom passed out the WLWCA *Thursday Note* for the LCC to review.
- Tom distributed the WLWCA Annual Conference information/registration packet and reminded everyone to get permission from Chairman Albrecht and take care of the paperwork with the County Clerk's office.
- Tom passed out the LWLWCA Fall Tour/Meeting paperwork and asked everyone to contact Lynette by next Tuesday if they plan to attend and to get permission from Chairman Albrecht.
- Tom mentioned that DATCP had sent a letter notifying counties that the 2012 Allocation Plan was going to be delayed again this year.
- Tom reported that Glacierland RC & D was still active, offering their services and requesting ideas for projects to complete.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the 2012 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Budget and set the crop prices to be used to reimburse the 2011 program participants for their wildlife damage

Barry Benson, USDA, WS explained that the proposed 2012 budget would include the Deer Donation Program. Benson explained that the total 2012 budget was \$18,599.62. Tom explained that all costs of the program incurred by the LCC & LWCD for administration of the program were fully reimbursed by the WDNR. Following a brief discussion a Bohn/Barker motion to approve the 2012 budget passed 6-0. Benson then informed the LCC that he did not have the necessary information to set the crop prices and asked that it be put on the November LCC meeting agenda. Chairman Farrey agreed to have it on the agenda in November.

Review the 2012 Winnebago County Plat Book

Bill Shockley, GIS Technician reviewed the completed plat book and full size plat map. Bill and Tom explained some of the changes to the book and that it would be available in January, 2012. Retail price of the plat book will probably be \$35.00. Price of the county plat map or individual town plat maps is yet to be determined.

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

The LCC reviewed the first two well abandonments on the summary sheet. Following a brief discussion a Neubauer/Bohn motion to approve \$333.00 for the Joyce Albrecht Estate and \$289.00 for Roger Peterson for well abandonments passed 6-0.

The LCC then reviewed the final well abandonment on the summary sheet. Tom explained that due to unforeseen circumstances with the well, the cost of the well abandonment exceeded the \$1000.00 payment cap established for the program. Tom also explained that the program does allow for payment beyond the cap, but only with LCC approval. Tom explained the issues that occurred with this particular abandonment and the requirements/codes that the service providers are required to follow to properly complete the abandonment. Following a lengthy discussion a Barker/Neubauer motion to approve \$1462.00 for Luke Seggelink's well abandonment project passed 5-1 (Paul Eisen opposed).

Review and Approve NR151/ATCP50 implementation /compliance notification letters

The LCC reviewed the letter for Thomas Bean notifying him that his livestock facilities were in compliance with the NR151. Tom Davies explained that Bean participates in FPP and needs to be in compliance to remain eligible for the FPP State Income Tax Credit. Following a brief discussion a Neubauer/Barker motion to approve the letter passed 6-0.

Review and Discuss National Forest Lands resolution initiated by Forest County

Chairman Farrey explained to the LCC he had been made aware of the resolution by the Wisconsin Counties Association. Farrey suggested that the resolution be sent to the Legislative Committee for review and action if they are so inclined. Paul Eisen suggested we send it with a memo explaining that the LWCD does not have expertise in forestry and it is recommended that the Legislative Committee consult with WDNR Foresters and other individuals involved in forestry. A Barker/Bohn motion to send the resolution on to the Legislative Committee with the discussed memo passed 6-0.

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

Chairman Farrey explained that things were finalized with the mapping process and that DATCP has tentatively approved the concepts used and included in the revised FPP. Tom explained that Nepeuskun and Rushford could be adding a substantial amount of land if early indications are correct. He also mentioned that those towns currently governed by town zoning would need to adopt their own FPP and FPP zoning ordinance. Chairman Farrey stated that the County FPP zoning ordinance may not be completed by the end of the year which might delay things for the towns.

A Barker/Neubauer motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder