

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2013
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, James Englebert, Ken Neubauer, Tom Snider and Dan Stokes

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies

Others Present: Kim Miller, UWEX/WDNR

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

Announcements:

- Tom D. reminded the LCC of the October 25th LWLWCA meeting.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that David Sleik had been appointed to the Larsen Drainage District Board along with Abe Eckstein and Gerald Peterson.
- Tom D. distributed the DATCP September-October Report for LCC review.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the 2014 SWRM Grant Allocation Plan had been approved by DATCP and WDNR.
- Tom D. told the LCC that LWCD and FVTC would be working together to maintain the Truax Drill as part of an educational project for students involved in the Prairie and Grasslands Management Program.
- Tom informed the LCC that he had contacted the Towns of Clayton, Utica and Winchester to find out how they were progressing with their FPP Ordinances. Tom asked Chairman Farrey to comment on Vinland's progress with their FPP Ordinance.
- Tom shared how the Federal "shut down" was affecting local landowners and LWCD.

Business Items:

Review, Revise and/or Approve the Draft WDACP Letter regarding Payments to Participants Located in No Hunt Areas

Following review, editing, and discussion of the letter on what would be needed legislatively to initiate the program changes, an Englebert/Snider motion to approve the letter as amended passed 7-0.

Review and Approve/Disapprove the "Intent to Participate" Document for the 2014 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP)

Following a brief discussion, a Snider/Bohn motion to approve the 2014 WDACP "Intent to Participate" document passed 7-0.

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

There were no CSAs and no action was taken by the LCC.

Possible Impacts of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Winnebago County

Kim Miller, UWEX/WDNR, presented information on the ash tree symptoms associated with EAB, the treatment of ash trees to protect against EAB, the value of trees to municipalities/communities and private citizens, and what actions/plans are being put in place by government entities to deal with the loss of ash trees. Ms. Miller's presentation generated excellent discussion and Q & A. The LCC thanked Ms. Miller for her fine presentation and requested her presence at a future Town's Association meeting.

A Barker/Englebert motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder