

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes of December 1, 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, James Englebert, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer and Dan Stokes.

**LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies and Melanie Leet

Others Present: Jake Vande Berg, FSA, and Nick Hazelwood, FVTC Student

Absent: none

Approve November 3, 2011 LCC Meeting Minutes: An Englebert /Neubauer motion to approve the November 3, 2011 LCC meeting minutes, passed 7-0

Announcements:

- Tom reported that Pat Laughrin, Calumet County had been named WLWCA 2011 Outstanding Supervisor.
- Tom passed out copies of the letter sent to legislators regarding the SWRM grant funding. Each LCC member was copied on the letter.
- Tom passed out the draft 2012 LCC Meeting Schedule to be approved at the next LCC meeting.
- Tom introduced Nick Hazelwood, FVTC student and allowed him introduce himself to the LCC. The LCC welcomed him and invited him to attend future LCC meetings at anytime.

Business Items:

Progress report on the James Schuster manure storage project

Tom and Melanie reported that the structure was backfilled and seeded, and all that remained was to mulch and install the fence. Melanie will complete a final survey and signoff on the finished project.

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

There were no CSAs to approve and the LCC took no action on this item.

Review and Approve NR151/ATCP50 implementation /compliance notification letters

There were no letters to approve and the LCC took no action on this item.

Approve authorization for Tom Davies to approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (WCWQIP) Cost Share Agreements (CSAs) exceeding \$5000 of county funding for the remainder of 2011

Tom explained that this was standard procedure to ensure CSAs could be completed and approved before December 31, 2011. This would allow the use of existing funds to cost share the projects. Following a brief discussion a Barker/Neubauer motion to approve the authorization for Tom Davies passed 7-0.

Discuss the resolutions on the agenda for the annual WLWCA Conference

Tom explained that Winnebago County had not paid the full dues for 2011 and was not eligible to vote because they were not a member in good standing. Chairman Farrey said the resolutions will be reviewed and discussed to provide guidance for Jim Englebert who was attending the conference. Jim can still participate in open discussion at the conference for the LCC. Each resolution was discussed by the LCC and Jim noted their thoughts.

Discuss current status of the 2012 Soil and Water Resource Management

Tom explained that DATCP was looking to cut an additional \$1,100,400 from the Staffing Grant used to fund local LWCD employees. The 2012-2013 State budget had already cut \$1,000,000 from the staffing grant. Tom explained that using the NMP SEG funding to cover the budget lapse would keep the funding at 2011 levels and allow LWCDs to maintain current staffing levels. Tom distributed a Position Statement prepared by WLWCA and WALCE providing alternatives to lapsing/cutting the funds for LWCD staff. Tom also passed out a draft resolution to be acted on at the next meeting and sent to the County Board for support. The LCC supported the Position Paper and recommended that the language in the resolution be edited to provide the same message/alternatives as the Position Paper. Tom will bring the revised resolution to the next meeting for approval under the appropriate agenda item.

A Barker/Eisen motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder