

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of May 5, 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

Others Present: none

Absent: none

Approve April 7, 2011 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Neubauer/ Eisen motion to approve the April 7, 2011 LCC meeting minutes, passed 7-0

Announcements:

- Tom announced that Thistle Dairy had let their manure storage overtop and the LWCD would be meeting with them to address the issue and several other ordinance violations that have occurred on the site.
- Tom told the LCC that the Tree Sale, held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 went very well.
- Tom announced that Conservation Field Days was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. Tom explained that due to the Neenah School District not participating the event was held only in the morning. Tom stated that contacting other school districts and/or methods of delivery of the event were being explored.
- Tom announced that the James Schuster's manure storage project was now changed from a rectangular structure back to a circular structure with 2 to 1 side slopes with a drive in ramp.
- Tom shared that the Town of Neenah had contacted the LWCD regarding a Zebra Mussel dam that had formed near their stormwater retention pond outlet on County Road A.
- Tom announced that Marvin Potratz's manure storage abandonment project was fully underway and progressing nicely.
- Nancy Barker announced that Glacierland RC & D would be operating for at least the next two years without federal funding by using previously acquired grant funding.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the 2011 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract

Tom reviewed the grant contract and explained it was the funds provided by the State to support staff and projects used to implement the Winnebago County Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Following a brief discussion a Neubauer/Barker motion to approve the contract passed 7-0.

Review and Approve the Five Year Operational Agreement between Winnebago County Land Conservation Department and the USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service

Tom explained that this is a renewal of our existing five year agreement. Tom stated that the agreement allows for the sharing of information and resources between LWCD and NRCS. It also allows the LWCD to enter into Contribution Agreements that reimburse the LWCD a portion of the staff time spent installing federally funded conservation projects, which reduces the LWCD levy request. Following a brief discussion an Englebert/Neubauer motion to approve the agreement 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.

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

Chairman Farrey reported to the LCC that the FPP map revisions were near completion and that the Steering Committee would be meeting one more time to finalize the map before taking it to the regional meetings for public review and comment. Chairman Farrey explained he had been communicating with local legislators to promote the need to make participation in the FPP voluntary for all landowners. The LCC also discussed the impacts of the conversion fees currently associated with rezoning land out of Exclusive Ag Zoning. Chairman Farrey requested permission from the LCC members to continue to place this item on the agenda as needed, so they can be kept informed. The LCC fully supported his request.

A Barker/Neubauer motion to adjourn at 10:15am passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder