

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2022 LCC Monthly Meeting

Meeting Room A, James P. Coughlin Center

& Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:00 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon (Zoom), Kay Horan, Doug Nelson, Dan Stokes & Doug Zellmer

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper, Alix Bjorklund-Patil & Brandon Flenz

Others present: Maddy Pfaff, USDA Wildlife Services

Absent: None

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy:

Chairman Farrey confirmed with Director Casper that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve September 1, 2022 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Horan/Stokes motion to approve the minutes passed 5-0-1 (Nelson abstained).

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

Announcements:

- Director Casper informed the LCC that the existing contractors working on the Terrells Island/Samers Bay Projects submitted updated construction costs to complete the overall project. Casper said that the prices came in higher than expected, so we will be asking for justification of the increase or the project may be sent out again for RFPs.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that a price quote was received from Radtke Contractors to barge in the last remaining 61 ft. of rock breakwall for the Allen & Valerie Stabenow project. Casper stated the quote came in substantially higher and we would not be completing the remaining 61 ft. Casper said that he is pleased with what was completed and feels the project met our goals and is an overall success.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the LWLWCA Summer/Fall Meeting is being held on October 7th in Outagamie County.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the USDA – Climate Smart Commodity awards were announced and the proposal made with FWWA and Edge Cooperative was selected. Casper explained that the original proposal was for \$84 million, but the USDA cut the overall Edge Cooperative award to \$50 million. Casper said we should know soon how this reduction will impact our subaward.
- Director Casper mentioned the recently held Aerial Drone Cover Crop Seeding Field Day organized by the LWCD that showcased new technology for planting cover crops.
- Director Casper mentioned to the LCC that a feed leachate spill to a tributary was reported to the WDNR by Cross Farms and the LWCD is investigating the issue.
- Director Casper handed out the October DATCP Report to the LCC.
- Director Casper introduced to the LCC the two new LWCD Conservation Technicians, Alix Bjorklund-Patil and Brandon Flenz. Bjorklund-Patil and Flenz both introduced themselves and gave the LCC some background on their college education and previous employment.

Committee Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Farrey informed the LCC that the Resolution proposing to allow any member of a committee, commission or board to vote remotely except for the County Board meetings failed 16-16 at the County Board meeting on September 20th. Farrey went on to say that Supervisor Stafford may sponsor another

Resolution allowing the remote voting for just the LCC.

- Chairman Farrey let the LCC know that the issue with FSA County Committee Member participating on LCCs is being discussed again, now by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA). Farrey will keep the LCC informed on any new information on the issue.
- Chairman Farrey let the LCC know that the LWCD requested approximately \$3 million of Winnebago County ARPA funds for water quality improvement initiatives in the County. Farrey said this request will be reviewed by the ARPA Commission and if any funds are approved, the LCC would set policy on how these funds would be allocated in the LWCD.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the 2022 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Crop Prices to be used to reimburse the program participants for their Crop Damage and set the 90% Harvest Cut-Off Date

Maddy Pfaff with the USDA Wildlife Services, reviewed the proposed prices for the different commodities affected by wildlife damage. Following a discussion regarding commodity prices, a Bohn/Zellmer motion was made to set the price for field corn to \$6.35 per bushel passed 6-0, a Bohn/Nelson motion was made to set the price for soybeans to \$14.36 per bushel passed 6-0. Following a short discussion, a Zellmer/Horan motion to make the 90% cut-off date December 1, 2022 passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the 2023 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Budget

Following a brief review of the proposed USDA and WDNR 2023 WDACP Budget by Maddy Pfaff, a Horan/Zellmer motion to approve the budgets as presented passed 6-0.

Review and Approve Participation in the 2023 Deer Donation Program

Following a brief review of the 2023 Deer Donation Program by Maddy Pfaff, a Zellmer/Horan motion to approve participation in the program passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the AIS Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Calendar Year (2023)

Director Casper highlighted some of the Aquatic Invasive Species Program work completed in 2021 by Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA). Casper went on to explain the 2023 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Cooperative Agreement with the County and FWWA. Casper informed the LCC that the agreement allows the County to designate FWWA to coordinate the AIS efforts within the county. Following a review of the agreement, a Zellmer/Horan motion to approve the AIS Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Calendar Year (2023) passed 6-0.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) - CSA 22-11, Debra Johnson Well Abandonment Project for \$500.00, CSA 22-12, David Zillges Well Abandonment Project for \$500.00, CSA 22-13, William C. Mitchell Well Abandonment Project for \$500.00 & CSA 22-14, Katherine Treu Rev Tst Wetland Restoration Project for \$5,745.46

Following a review of the CSAs, a Bohn/Zellmer motion to approve \$500.00 for the Debra Johnson Well Abandonment Project, \$500.00 for the David Zillges Well Abandonment Project, \$500.00 for the William C. Mitchell Well Abandonment Project and the \$5,745.46 for the Katherine Treu Rev Tst Wetland Restoration Project passed 6-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed and acknowledged the new projects on the list.

A Horan/Bohn motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m. passed 6-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder