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Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association (LWLWCA) Meeting Minutes 2021 Spring Meeting May 21, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom meeting services

The Spring meeting of the LWLWCA was called to order by President Greg Baneck at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Members present were (SUPV / STAFF): Adams 0/1, Calumet 0/1, Fond-Du-Lac 0/1, Green Lake 0/1, Marquette 0/0, Outagamie 1/1, Waupaca 0/1, Waushara 0/1 and Winnebago 1/2.

Others present: Tyrone Larson, NRCS; Taylor Hundley and Kelli Neitzel, DATCP; Penny Pohle, WLWCA; Heather Palmquist, Iron County; and Travis Tulowitzky, Bayfield County.

Approve the January 22, 2021 LWLWCA meeting minutes: A motion made by Paul Tollard and seconded by Keith Surprise to approve the January 22, 2021 meeting minutes as presented passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Brian Haase reviewed the January 2021 Treasurer's Report. Haase reported that as of 1/1/2021 the balance on hand was \$2,823.57. Haase also reported that LWLWCA took in \$900.00 in Annual Dues and we spent \$290.00 on the 2020 Poster Contest Awards. The balance on hand for May, 2021 is \$3,433.57. A motion was made by Paul Gunderson and seconded by Ed Hernandez to accept the Treasurers Report as presented passed unanimously.

Affiliated Agency Reports:

LWCB – Mike Hofberger reported on recent happenings with the LWCB. Overall, he is very pleased with the five year LWRM plans. He reminded the committee if anyone has something they would like changed or have questions they should feel free to contact him.

WLWCA – Brian Haase reported that he had some communication with Kurt Calkins and Matt Krueger. A couple of Republican budget amendments have been proposed regarding the DATCP staffing funding grant. One was by Senator Bernier to put in what the Governor had in his budget which was \$12.5 and \$12.6 million. Haase wasn't sure if those amounts were for the base. Also, Rep. Novack and Senator Testin put in an amendment which was for \$13 million yearly for the base.

Chad Casper had contact with Matt Krueger and he wanted to let the LWLWCA know that it is important for members to specifically contact Senator Ballweg along with other legislators to let them know the benefits of supporting the increase to the county staffing in the State budget. Greg Baneck



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mentioned that it seems best to have one elected committee member from each county contact the Senator.

Tony Reali mentioned that they are looking for new PIC members. The goal is to have at least one representative from each area association and both LCD and LCC members are welcome. He explained the duties of a committee member and to contact him with any questions.

Chad Casper gave an update on the Youth Education Committee on behalf of Megan Steckelberg. She thanked everyone for being flexible with the contests this year. The winning speeches and posters can be viewed via: <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/2020-poster-speaking-contest>. The WI Envirothon was held virtually. There were eleven (11) high school teams and three (3) middle school teams. Final results will be posted on the WI Land & Water website: <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/envirothon> and shared on the Wisconsin Envirothon Facebook page. Slinger FFA took first place overall for high school. Aldo Leopold Community School (Green Bay) took first place for middle school. She thanked the Winnebago Area for the donation and individual counties that paid \$55 dues in 2021. Both Conservation Camps were cancelled due to COVID-19. Megan also wanted to thank everyone that solicited items and purchased items for the virtual auction this year. There were 31 counties who donated items. Total raised was \$3,645.50. "Kickin' it for the Kids" traveling trophy was awarded to Outagamie County for the highest retail total of auction items donated.

Penny Pohle discussed SITCOM and mentioned that next week they will be sending out the training needs survey, this helps the AITCOMs and the statewide training. She wants everyone to encourage their staff to fill out the survey. They found some things that needed to be tweaked last year. Pohle said that SITCOM has gone through a yearlong assessment which really helped them to regroup.

DATCP – Taylor Hundley and Kelli Neitzel were present, but they found out about the meeting very late and didn't have a chance to prepare an update. Currently, employees are still urged to work from home. They are allowing smaller outdoor trainings.

NRCS – Ty Larson thanked everyone for promoting, planning and actually getting the practices on the ground for the farm bill programs. They finished making funding choices for EQIP and are starting to implement some of the practices. NRCS just found out that there will be an additional \$4 million that will be received from other states. This will allow NRCS to select more contracts for funding. These additional contracts will be in the local work group crop land. The Field Offices just got notified of the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) funding. It will be \$8 to \$9 million statewide for that program. Ty was appointed to be the NRCS representative for the Youth Education Committee.

DNR – No report.



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OTHER AGENCIES – No report.

New Business

The Northwestern Area Land & Water Conservation Association has developed a guide on shoreland stabilization. Travis Tulowitzky, Bayfield County covered the background on the publication. They hope to have the publication printed within the next month. Besides having the publication in printed form, they will have it available electronically through the WLWCA website and any county websites that are interested. Heather Palmquist, Iron County applied for a WDNR Surface Water Grant and was awarded \$5,000. They are trying to come up with the remainder of the in-kind funds so that they can get the final publication printed.

A motion to contribute \$500 was made by Paul Tollard and seconded by Tony Reali. After some more discussion, the original motion was amended to read "up to \$750." A motion to amend the original motion was made by Mike Hofberger and seconded by Brian Haase passed unanimously. A motion to pass the resolution providing financial support up to \$750 for the publication was made by Tom Snider and seconded by Paul Tollard passed unanimously.

Keith Surprise mentioned that he received a letter from Senator Ballweg. She wants to help the rural areas. She did submit a bill to increase the exports of the farmers in Wisconsin.

The next LWLWCA meeting maybe an in-person meeting on September 24, 2021. A decision will be made in August as to whether it will be an in-person or virtual meeting.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. was made by Tom Snider and seconded by Brian Haase passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Koch