

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2021 LCC Monthly Meeting

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, Ben Joas, Karen Powers & Tom Snider

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper, Haley Lucas, Andy Maracini & Sheila Smith

Others present: Steve Krueger, USDA Wildlife Services & Levi Schultz, NRCS

Absent: Roger Zentner

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 December 3, 2020 LCC Meeting Minutes:

Tom Snider proposed an amendment to the wording of the minutes. A Snider/Gordon motion to approve the minutes as amended passed 6-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Director Casper thanked the LCC for taking the time to vote on the local virtual poster contest. The 1st place winners will now advance to the regional level and will be sent out to all members of the LWLWCA to be voted on to advance to the State level.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the LWLWCA Planning Zoom Meeting will be held on January 22nd at 10:00.
- Director Casper was happy to announce that the LWCD is fully staffed again and introduced the new Conservation Technician, Haley Lucas.
- Director Casper gave the LCC an update on the Samer's Bay/Terrell's Island Project planned to start this winter.
- Director Casper explained to the LCC that the draft Nine Key Element Plan Healthy Land/Healthy Water will be on the agenda for approval at the February 4th LCC meeting. Copies of the plan will be sent out to the LCC well in advance of the meeting for review.

Chairman's Report:

- No Report

Business Items:

Review and Approve or Deny, the 2020 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Participant Claims

Steve Krueger, USDA Wildlife Specialist reviewed the 2020 claims with the LCC. Following a brief discussion, a Joas/Gordon motion was made to approve the John G. Yost III claim for \$4,982.18 passed 6-0. Krueger explained the Harvest Objective Exemption for James L. Fisher and recommended the approval of this claim. After a brief discussion, a Gordon/Bohn motion was made to approve the Harvest Objective Exemption for James L. Fisher passed 6-0. A Snider/Gordon motion was made to approve the James L. Fisher claim for \$1,059.79 passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the Payment of the 2021 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Annual Dues (\$2,034.00)

Director Casper explained that the 2021 dues remained almost the same from the previous year and discussed the value of being a member of this Association. Following a brief discussion, a Powers/Joas motion to approve paying the 2021 dues passed 6-0.

Report on the Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farm Network

Sheila Smith gave a report on the latest efforts with the Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farm Network. A draft video was shown that will be used to promote and showcase all the work that is being done with the Demo Farm Network. The LCC was very supportive of the efforts and would like to be informed when any field days are held in the future.

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

Bruce Bohn explained the value in doing a wetland restoration project on his property. Bohn is hoping this will be a good example of what other farmers can do in the County to help protect water quality. Following a review of the CSA summary a Gordon/Snider motion to approve \$5,250.00 for Bohn Farms Inc. wetland restoration project passed 5-0-1 (Bohn abstained).

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Snider/Joas motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m. passed 6-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder