

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2021 LCC Monthly Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:01 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon, Ben Joas, Karen Powers, Tom Snider & Roger Zentner

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper, Andy Maracini

Others present: None

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 March 4, 2021 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Bohn/Snider motion to approve the minutes passed 7-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Director Casper let the LCC know that we will be applying through FWWA for a Great Lakes Commission Grant for \$200,000 to provide cost-share funding to begin implementation in the Town of Dale-Rat River sub watershed. The grant deadline is April 16th and we would find out in October if it is awarded. The grant would be for three years and the focus would primarily be promoting soil health practices. Casper will be writing a letter of support for the grant application and will plan to include this in the 2022 LWCD budget.
- Director Casper told the LCC that the 2020 LWCD Annual Report was completed and sent out to the other LWCDs across the State and the County Board.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that the 2022 Nonpoint Source Joint Grant Application and the 2021 Annual Workplan was submitted to DATCP.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the WDNR Tree Day is right now planned for April 28th and there were approximately 33,000 trees sold this year.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the J.P. Coughlin Center is now open to the public, but WDNR and the USDA Service Center is still closed.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that 2021 MS4 Annual Report was submitted by Andy Maracini.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that Tim James is the new WDNR Forester responsible for Winnebago and Calumet counties.

Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Farrey asked the other LCC members if they wanted to meet in person for May 6th LCC meeting. The overall consensus was to meet in person for the May LCC meeting.

Business Items:

Discuss the options for developing the 2022 Winnebago County Plat Book

Director Casper and Andy Maracini discussed outsourcing the 2022 Platbook production and distribution. Maracini explained the benefits to the LCC in regards to cost savings, more frequent updates and having the new option of digital Platbook maps for the public. The LCC agreed to take this approach for the 2022 Platbook and reassess when the next update is done.

Update on the Terrell's Island/Samer's Bay offshore breakwall project

Director Casper gave an update on the Terrell's Island/Samer's Bay offshore breakwall project. A YouTube video, developed by Haley Lucas, was also shown to the LCC summarizing what was accomplished this winter with the project. Casper explained that similar videos can be created by the LWCD in the future to showcase our work and promote conservation within the County.

Roger Zentner was excused at 9:50 a.m.

Review and Approve the Resolution Opposing the Proposed Changes by the Wisconsin Legislature to the Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program

Following a brief discussion, a Joas/Gordon motion to approve the Resolution passed 6-0. This Resolution will now be brought forward to the Legislative Committee for approval by Chairman Farrey as recommended by Corporation Council.

Review and Approve the Resolution Supporting the Adoption of the Winnebago Waterways Program, Nine Key Element Watershed Plan, Healthy Land/Healthy Water

Director Casper informed the LCC that a one-page summary was developed to review with the County Board on April 20th. Casper will be sending a memo to the County Board with a link to the entire Plan for their review. Following a brief discussion, a Snider/Gordon motion to approve the Resolution for the County Board passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the Resolution in Support for Achieving Base Funding Goal for County Conservation Staffing

Director Casper informed the LCC that the DATCP Soil & Water Resources Management Program budget is currently at 9.4 million, but will decrease to 8.9 million in 2022 for county conservation staffing & support. Casper explained that this Resolution supports increasing the county conservation staffing and support from DATCP in the 2021-23 State Biennial Budget to 13 million to fulfil the State's base statutory funding goal. Following a brief discussion, a Snider/Gordon motion to approve the Resolution passed 6-0. This Resolution will now be brought forward to the Legislative Committee for approval by Chairman Farrey as recommended by Corporation Council.

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

Following a review of the CSA summary a Bohn/Powers motion to approve \$500.00 for the Menasha School District/Heckrodt Wetland Reserve rain garden project passed 6-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Bohn/Powers motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. passed 6-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder