

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of May 5, 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 9:02 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon, Kay Horan, Doug Nelson, & Doug Zellmer

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper & Andy Maracini

Others present: Anna Bartsch, FWWA & Howie Miller, Winnebago County Drainage Board

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 April 7, 2022 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Gordon/Farrey motion to approve the minutes passed 3-0-3 (Horan, Nelson & Zellmer abstained).

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

Announcements:

- Director Casper let the LCC know that the deadline to sign up for the Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association Spring Meeting is May 10th and to let him know if anyone is interested.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that interviews are planned for May 19th for recruiting a Conservation Technician.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that the two LCC citizen members will be on the May 17th County Board agenda for being appointed.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the 2022 Winnebago County Plat Book is completed and outreach is being made to increase sales.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the NRCS will be holding statewide a virtual Local Working Group meeting on June 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and their input is welcomed. Casper also informed the LCC that Levi Schultz, NRCS took a new job in Green Lake and his last day is May 6th.

Committee Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Farrey welcomed all the new LCC members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Business Items:

Welcome New LCC Members, Review LCC Information and LWCD Programs and Responsibilities

Chairman Farrey, Director Casper and the other returning committee members welcomed Kay Horan, Doug Nelson and Doug Zellmer to the LCC. Farrey and Casper explained Chapter 92 and the responsibilities of the LCC along with the reviewing some of the LWCD programs. Casper also handed out several informative resources and showed the LCC a short educational video on Chapter 92.

Approve the LCC monthly meeting time based on the new County Board Rule

After a brief discussion, a Zellmer/Bohn motion was made to set the LCC meetings for the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. passed 6-0

Presentation – Anna Bartsch, NEWSC Coordinator, "Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium (NEWSC) & Winnebago County"

Anna Bartsch, NEWSC Coordinator gave a presentation in regards to the NEWSC & Winnebago County. Andy Maracini explained that Winnebago County is an active NEWSC member. Maracini said that he is the Chairperson of the General Public Committee and Winnebago County has participated in and helped to host several NEWSC workshops, training and other educational activities. Bartsch explained that the NEWSC was formed in 2005 as a subsidiary of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and it facilitates efficient implementation of stormwater programs locally and regionally to meet the DNR and EPA regulatory requirements. Bartsch said that NEWSC assists with the management of the MS4 permit by pulling together resources to benefit MS4's in the region. Bartsch offered to provide an additional presentation as a supplement to her presentation today for those who would like more detailed information about the permit. The LCC thanked Bartsch for giving a very informative presentation.

Update on the USDA's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Grant Proposals

Director Casper again discussed the Climate-Smart Commodities Grant which is an opportunity for funding practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester carbon. Casper explained that another requirement of the grant proposal is to develop carbon markets and promote the resulting climate-smart commodities. Casper informed the LCC that the LWCD would be part of two proposals, one proposal is with the WDNR and includes the four Lower Fox Watershed counties and the other is with Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and includes eight counties in the Upper Fox/Wolf Watersheds. Casper said the proposal deadline is May 6th and he will keep the LCC informed if either of the grants are awarded.

Julie Gordon was excused at 10:30 a.m.

Review and Approve NR 151/ATCP 50 Implementation/Compliance Notification Letters

Director Casper reviewed the notification letters summary sheet and sample compliance letter. Following a brief discussion, a Zellmer/Horan motion to approve the letters passed 5-0

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Bohn/Nelson motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. passed 5-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder