

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2021 LCC Monthly Meeting

Meeting Room A, James P. Coughlin Center

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, Tom Snider & Roger Zentner

**LWCD Staff:** Chad Casper, Sheila Smith

Others present: Levi Schultz, NRCS

Absent: Karen Powers, excused

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 1, 2021 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Gordon/Joas motion to approve the minutes passed 6-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Director Casper let the LCC know that we are partnering with FWWA and applied 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 would be for three years and the focus would primarily be promoting soil health practices.
- Director Casper told the LCC that the Spring LWLWCA meeting is scheduled to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that the Nine Key Element Watershed Plan, Healthy Land/Healthy Water was approved by the County Board and is now awaiting approval from the EPA and WDNR.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the WDNR Tree Day was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and approximately 34,000 trees were sold along with our tree planters being wanted at a high demand.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the new Plat book edition is being planned for a release in March of 2022.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the CRP and CREP crop rental rates are being updated.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that one of the LWCD trucks is almost 20 years old and is being planned to be replaced in 2022.
- Director Casper gave an update to the LCC regarding the Sawyer Creek floodplain study that was conducted by the City of Oshkosh. Several options were discussed on how to potentially address the issues.

Chairman's Report:

- No report

Business Items:

Discuss the need for a new LWCD staff position to advance the implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Nine-Key Element Plan

Director Casper explained the need for a new position in order to be successful in advancing the implementation of the Nine-Key Element Plan. Casper said that the new position is needed to provide outreach and education to farmers and agricultural landowners. The position would start working in the highest loading sub watershed first and continue working throughout the County. The LCC discussed this in detail and agreed that there is definitely a need and is supportive in adding this position into the 2022 LWCD budget.

Discuss the cost share rates of soil health practices for LWCD grant proposals

Director Casper shared with the LCC the proposed cost share rates for promoting soil health practices in the Town of Dale-Rat River Watershed. After a lengthy discussion, Bruce Bohn suggested that we check on the most current costs for low disturbance manure application. Casper will work on getting the current costs and provide the information at the next LCC meeting. Casper also informed the LCC of the different demo equipment available to rent through the Outagamie County LWCD.

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 Gordon/Joas motion to approve \$13,036.05 for the Ronald & Linda Wacholtz Liv. Tst. Streambank Shaping & Seeding, Stream Crossing and Riparian Buffer project and \$5,591.46 for the Clinton & Samantha Fettig/Ronald Wachholz Streambank Shaping & Seeding, Waterway System, Stream Crossing and Riparian Buffer project passed 6-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Bohn/Gordon motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. passed 6-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder