

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2017

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:00 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

**LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies, Chad Casper and Sheila Smith, LWCD

Others Present: Rhonda Vande Hey, FSA

Absent: Nancy Barker (excused), Larry Kriescher (excused) and Guy Hegg

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy:  
Chairman Farrey confirmed with Tom Davies that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve May 4, 2017 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Bohn/Snider motion to approve the minutes passed 4-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom S. shared what he learned at the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association (LWLWCA) meeting regarding Aquaponics and the vast amount of fresh produce and fish generated in a very short time. Tom S. also shared information about the Winnebago Waterways meeting he attended.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the NRCS Local Work Group meeting would be held at the Fremont Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on June 12, 2017 and LCC members are encouraged to attend.
- Tom D. visited with the LCC about recognizing Nancy Barker for her many years of service.
- Tom D. reported on the Tree Sale/Tree Pick-up and recognized Lynette Hein for her great organization of the event. Tom D. also thanked FSA Program Technician Briana Swetlik for her assistance with the event.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that on May 17, 2017 Paul Knier pled no contest to the manure storage overtopping citation for a reduced fine and to avoid a trial.
- Tom D. distributed the DATCP May Report for LCC review.
- Tom D. announced that he would be attending a meeting regarding the Multi-Discharger Variance rule and would be discussing the issues with the LCC in the coming months.
- Rhonda Vande Hey, FSA reviewed the current FSA Committee election process and provided information to be shared with possible candidates.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey reported that the draft Illicit Discharge Ordinance was currently being reviewed by interested Towns and that he would have the Ordinance on the July LCC agenda for discussion. Chairman Farrey also discussed the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) planning process and announced there will be educational workshops held on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., and on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Coughlin Center located at 625 E. County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI.

## Business Items:

### Report on the Lower Fox River Watershed TMDL Implementation Project

Sheila Smith reported on the cropland inventory process and provided photos of some of the issues needing attention. Sheila also provided information on the modeling and aerial photos being utilized. The LCC thanked Sheila for her fine report.

### Report on the Winnebago Waterway Program

Chad Casper reported on the public meetings held and the sign up results for the “Focus Groups”. Chad stressed the importance of setting a deadline for gathering public input and moving on to the plan creation phase. Chad explained how the Focus Groups will work with the Technical Teams to identify and address the resource concerns. The LCC also discussed the problem of “legacy” sediment and phosphorus in the Winnebago System and the time it will take to remove it. The LCC thanked Chad for his fine report.

### Discuss the Current Draft of the “Tri-County Agreement” Between Winnebago, Calumet and Fond du Lac Counties and the Associated Draft Resolution to Support the Winnebago Waterway Program Coordinator Position and Form a Winnebago Lakes Preservation Committee

Tom D. provided a revised copy of the agreement to the LCC that contained some of the recommended changes offered by the LCC at their May meeting. Tom D. reviewed the changes and informed the LCC that a limit on the assessment had not been added to the document. Chairman Farrey stated he could not support an agreement that did not have some type of limit on the spending. The LCC offered to increase the limit they had previously asked for from \$20,000 per County per year to \$30,000 per County per year. Following a lengthy discussion, the LCC asked Tom D. to contact the other counties to see if some compromise could be reached in order to keep the agreement moving toward approval. Tom D. agreed to make the contacts and keep the LCC apprised of the situation.

### Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost Share Agreements (CSA) to Provide Funding for Eligible Projects

Tom D. explained that the new policy on well abandonments was already saving funds and allowing more constituents to receive some assistance. Following a brief review of the projects a Snider/Bohn motion to approve \$235.00 for Tom Hardwick, \$500.00 for Shawn Laibly, \$500.00 for Marlene Mielke, \$500.00 for Larry Weigandt and \$439.00 for Phillip Florek, all for well abandonments, passed 4-0.

### Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed the project list which had no new additions.

A Zentner/Bohn motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. passed 4-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder