

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)
Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2018
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:** Steve Binder, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon, Ben Joas, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Chad Casper

Others present: Rhonda Vande Hey, USDA, FSA

Absent: None

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 3, 2018 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Joas/Gordon motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 7-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Rhonda Vande Hey, FSA provided information on the following topics: FSA County Committee elections; “Disaster Declaration” for the spring snow storm making Winnebago County farmers eligible for low interest loans to help cover the costs to repair damaged facilities; CRP enrollment of grasslands and CREP open enrollment, and the *Dairy Margin Protection Program* enrollment.
- Tom Davies provided a brochure with information regarding the July 26, 2018 Grazing Demo at the Lyden Rasmussen farm.
- Tom Davies shared that Cerrina Stokes would be interning for LWCD and UWEX during the summer months.
- Tom Davies informed the LCC that the 2019 LWCD budget process was underway and the committee would review the proposed budget at their July meeting.
- Tom Davies passed out the DATCP June 2018 Report for the LCC to review.
- Tom Davies distributed LCC Handbooks to those that requested them.
- Chad Casper discussed two potential projects that would utilize NRDA grant funding and gave a status update on the Poygan Breakwall Project. Chad also discuss some of the highlights of the May 18th, 2018 LWLWCA meeting that included supervisor training for new and incumbent LCC members and a presentation on “sediment fingerprinting”.

Chairman’s Report:

Chairman Farrey, as a point of awareness, shared some information regarding the poor financial position of the dairy industry in Wisconsin. Chairman Farrey also mentioned concerns with the stormwater compliance plan for the County Road O construction project between Neenah and County Road CB, and discussed the “exploration” by the Towns of Vinland, Winneconne and Clayton of adopting a town “Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance”.

Chairman Farrey also reported on the Farmland Preservation Program in the town of Vinland and changes he felt needed to be implemented in the program via the state legislature to create a true “voluntary participation” program.

Business Items:

Review and Approve a 2018 Budget Adjustment to Accept an Additional \$10,000 SEG Grant to Cost- Share Nutrient Management Planning for County Producers

Following an explanation by Tom Davies and discussion by the LCC, a Snider/Joas motion to approve the budget adjustment passed 7-0.

Discuss Proposed Revisions to the Current LWCD Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Service Fee Policy

Tom Davies provided information regarding the current policy and the reasons for the proposed changes. Following the discussion Chairman Farrey asked to have the item placed on the July LCC meeting agenda as an action item.

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

Following a brief review of the CSA summary, a Bohn/Binder motion to approve \$350.00 for Patrick and Kathryn Clusman’s rain garden project, \$3,105 for Samantha Larson and Bobbi Jo Merten’s shoreline protection and shoreland buffer projects and \$310 for Mary and Gilbert Meyer’s well abandonment project passed 7-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed and acknowledged the changes to the project list.

A Gordon/Joas motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder