

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)
Meeting Minutes of July 7, 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 9:04 a.m.

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

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper

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 June 2, 2022 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Bohn/Horan motion was made to approve the minutes. Director Casper called out an error in the date of minutes and it should be changed to May 5, 2022. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed 4-0-1 (Nelson abstained)

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

Announcements:

- Director Casper informed the LCC regarding notice of the Monsanto Class Action Settlement. Casper explained that MS4 permittees within a HUC 12 Watershed that contains and/or is immediately adjoining a 303(d) waterbody impaired by PCBs may be eligible for the potential settlement, which would make Winnebago County eligible. Final approval of the settlement will be decided at a Court hearing to be held on October 13, 2022.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that there is a Great Lakes Sediment & Nutrient Reduction Program (GLSNRP) Kick-off Event for elected officials planned on July 20th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the J.P. Coughlin Center.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that Haley Lucas, Conservation Technician gave her resignation and is moving to Arizona, so we are currently advertising the position opening.
- Director Casper let the LCC that he is getting an estimate from Radtke Contractors to barge in the rock riprap to complete the remaining 60' of breakwall for the Allen & Valerie Stabenow project due to the Wolf River currents not allowing adequate ice conditions.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that project prices have been coming in substantially higher than in the past. Casper explained that our cost-share dollars are not getting as many practices installed due to the higher construction costs.

Committee Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey explained to the LCC that he suggested a \$10,000 annual increase to the Winnebago Waterways Program (WWP). Farrey told the LCC that this suggestion was made before he realized that there would be a zero levy increase for the LWCD. Farrey said that he could no longer support this increase for the WWP and apologized for initially suggesting it and thought it could be revisited at the end of 2023 when the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance contract for the WWP expires and will need to be renewed.

Business Items:

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

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

Review Draft 2023 LWCD Budget

Director Casper reviewed the 2023 budget with the LCC, calling out any significant changes or new funds. Casper also let the LCC know that there will be a budget add request for replacing the 2003 F-150 with a new truck.

Review and Discuss Options and Action if Required on Resolution No. 81-062022: Amend Rules 11.6 and 9.15 of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to Require the Physical Presence of Supervisors in the Officially Designated County Board/Committee Meeting Physical Space to Cast Votes

Chairman Farrey explained the implications due to the approved Resolution No 81-062022. Farrey said that any supervisor attending the County Board and Committee meetings via zoom could not vote. Julie Gordon expressed her concerns that having a job during the day makes it difficult to attend the meetings in person. Gordon also said that she has concerns about potentially being exposed to Covid-19 and the zoom option addresses both of her concerns. Farrey mentioned that there may be another resolution being brought forward to the County Board to not include committees with this requirement.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost-Share

Agreements (CSAs) - CSA 22-02, Sharon Rymer Well Abandonment Project for \$372.50 & CSA 22-06, Bohn Farms Inc. Well Abandonment Project for \$475.00

Following a review of the CSAs, a Zellmer/Horan motion to approve \$372.50 for the Sharon Rymer well abandonment project and \$475.00 for the Bohn Farms Inc. well abandonment project passed 4-0 (Bohn Abstained).

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Horan/Zellmer motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. passed 5-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder