

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2016

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:** Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Larry Kriescher, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

Others Present: Tom Davies, LWCD, Dave Heideman, FSA and Merrie Schamberger, NRCS

Absent: 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 July 7, 2016 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Zentner/Barker motion to approve the July 7, 2016, LCC meeting minutes passed 5-0-1 (Kriescher abstained).

Announcements:

- Tom D. distributed the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association (LWLWCA) Summer Tour information and requested that the LCC members inform the LWCD if they plan to attend no later than August 25th, 2016.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the LWCD would not be pursuing a Conservation Partners Grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
- Tom D. provided the LCC with a flyer about the Soil Health Field Day scheduled for the public on August 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rick Gehrke Farm near Eureka.
- Tom informed the LCC that an LWCD staff member had been in a two vehicle accident in the Town of Wolf River. Tom D. explained that no one was injured and that all required protocols had been followed.
- Tom D. requested that the October 6, 2016 LCC meeting be rescheduled to accommodate a schedule conflict. Chairman Farrey asked to have it placed on the September 1, 2016 LCC meeting agenda to be acted on.
- Tom D. provided a brief update on the current events related to the Winnebago System Lakes Management Plan and Steering Team.
- Tom D. distributed the DATCP July 2016 Report for the LCC to review.
- Merrie Schamberger announced the new EQIP enrollment dates and program priorities.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey informed the LCC that the Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) process was moving forward and there is some discussion about forming an Ag Enterprise Area (AEA) within the County. Farrey also stated that a number of "Town Hall" informational meetings would be scheduled to share information with interested constituents.

Business Items:

With LCC permission, Chairman Farrey moved agenda item A to the last item on the agenda to accommodate others at the meeting.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC discussed the new additions to the project list.

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 Sheet, a Bohn/Snider motion to approve \$849.00 for Russell Carpenter for a well abandonment project, passed 6-0.

Review the Draft/Proposed 2017 LWCD Budget

Tom D. reviewed the highlighted accounts on the budget sheets, explained the reasons for each change and answered the LCC's questions. Tom D. explained that the reason the 2017 Budget had very few changes was because all of the allocated levy increase was utilized to cover the expected increases in the payroll and benefits accounts.

Update on the Lower Fox River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Project

Tom D. reviewed the current inventory efforts being conducted and the plan to begin onsite reviews of facilities now that crops are covering the landscape. Tom D. informed the LCC that the main focus was on Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) participants because of the need to be in compliance by December 31, 2016 to receive the program tax credit.

Begin Reviewing the Draft Revisions to the Winnebago County Livestock Waste Management Ordinance

Tom D. started the review by explaining all the documents provided and providing a brief synopsis of the revision process. The LCC started the review by following the revisions summary provided in their documents. The LCC reviewed and commented on the first seven pages. Chairman Farrey ended the session and ordered it placed on the next LCC meeting agenda to continue the review. Tom D. stated he would address the issues/recommended edits called out by the LCC and have them ready for the September 1, 2016 LCC meeting.

A Barker/Kriescher motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder