

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)
Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2022 LCC Monthly Meeting
Meeting Room B, James P. Coughlin Center
& Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:12 a.m.

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

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper & Andy Maracini

Others present: Merrie Schamberger, NRCS & Kathy Berens

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 July 7, 2022 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Horan/Zellmer motion to approve the minutes passed 6-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

Announcements:

- Director Casper let the LCC know that an offer was made to an individual for the vacant Conservation Technician position within the LWCD.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the 2023 LWCD budget was submitted and his budget meeting with Exec. Doemel is scheduled on 8/10.
- Director Casper thanked those LCC members that were able to attend the Kick-off Event for the Rat River Grant on 7/20.
- Director Casper reminded the LCC about the "Cover Crops for Feed & Fun" Field Day the LWCD planned for August 9th at the Jim & Krista Luedtke farm.
- Director Casper asked the LCC if the September 1st meeting time could be changed to allow him to attend the P & F meeting at 9:00. The LCC agreed to change the LCC meeting time to 11:00 on September 1st.
- Director Casper distributed the August DATCP report to the LCC.
- Merrie Schamberger, NRCS informed the LCC that NRCS is doing a reorganization of their agency. Lynn Szulczewski will be the new District Conservationist for both Winnebago and Outagamie counties. Merrie also stated that there is cost-share funding available for urban agriculture with populations of 50,000 or more.

Committee Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey informed the LCC that the Executive Committee for Winnebago Waterways program met last week. Farrey explained that the contract with Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance will expire at the end of 2023 and it can be reviewed at that time for what each county contributes. Farrey also stated that Executive Doemel was approved to be the new chair of the Executive Committee.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) and Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) for expanding technical assistance for regenerative agriculture practices in the Fox-Wolf Basin

Director Casper reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and explained that The Fund for Lake Michigan and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant provides funds to enroll 100 acres of cropland into soil health conservation systems with producers by implementing cover crops and no-till. Casper said that Winnebago County LWCD and FWWA would collaborate on these efforts. Winnebago County LWCD would be reimbursed by FWWA for all contractual costs associated with the farmer incentives for installing soil health conservation systems along with the Winnebago County LWCD being offered \$10/acre for 2 years for every acre enrolled in the grant. Following a brief discussion, a Horan/Stokes motion was made to approve the Memorandum of Understanding passed 6-0.

Review and Approve a 2022 Budget Transfer of \$10,000 for Implementation of the Fund for Lake Michigan and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant to the appropriate Winnebago County LWCD Revenue Account and \$9,000 to the Expenditure Account and the Associated Resolution

Director Casper reviewed the budget transfer and Resolution with the LCC. Casper said that the expenditure of \$9,000 from the Fund for Lake Michigan and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant funds will be used to cost-share the installation of cover crops and no-till on 100 acres. The \$10,000 of revenue would reimburse Winnebago County LWCD for all contractual costs with the farmer incentives along with Winnebago County LWCD being offered \$10/acre for 2 years for every acre enrolled in the grant. Following the review of the budget transfer, a Nelson/Zellmer motion was made to approve the Budget Transfer and the associated Resolution passed 6-0.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) - CSA 22-08, Michael & Jennifer Pollack Streambank Shaping & Seeding, Stream Crossing, Wetland Restoration & Riparian Buffer Project for \$19,905.97 & CSA 22-09, Larry & Connie Tritt Critical Area Stabilization Project for \$8,104.60

Following a review of the CSAs, a Bohn/Horan motion to approve \$19,905.97 for the Michael & Jennifer Pollack Streambank Shaping & Seeding, Stream Crossing, Wetland Restoration & Riparian Buffer Project and \$8,104.60 for the Larry & Connie Tritt Critical Area Stabilization Project passed 6-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Horan/Stokes motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. passed 6-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder