

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2016

Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:01 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Guy Hegg (Arrived 9:08 a.m.), Larry Kriescher, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

Others Present: Tom Davies and Chad Casper, LWCD, Barry Benson, USDA WS and Dave Heideman, FSA

Absent: Nancy Barker

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 September 1, 2016 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Snider/Kriescher motion to approve the September 1, 2016, LCC meeting minutes passed 5-0.

Approve September 26, 2016 LCC Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes: A Bohn/Kriescher motion to approve the September 26, 2016, LCC meeting/public hearing minutes passed 4-0-1 (Snider Abstained).

Public Comment of Agenda Items:

There were no comments on agenda items from the public.

Announcements:

- Tom D. informed the LCC that the Winnebago County 2017 Plat Book had been sent out for RFQ.
- Tom D. notified the LCC that the LWCD was having trouble getting contractors to provide quotes for projects and that some projects are intended to keep the landowner in compliance with the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP). Tom D. stated that Delores Rubbert may need a conditional compliance certification until their project can be completed.
- Tom D. reported that Rosendale Dairy had a manure tanker roll over on Delhi Road on Sunday afternoon, October 9, 2016. Tom informed the LCC that LWCD staff inspected the site and it had been properly recovered and the site looked good.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the "Soil Health Challenge Program" would be on the next LCC meeting agenda for their review and comment.
- Tom D. notified the LCC that their next meeting was scheduled for November 3, 2016 and wanted to know if there would be any conflict with the County Boards' budget review occurring the same week. The committee did not feel it would be an issue.
- Tom D. provided the September and October DATCP newsletter for the LCC to review.
- Tom D. distributed an article highlighting the efforts of the Albrights to improve Soil Health on their farm.
- Tom D. provided information on the livestock waste storage facility being constructed in the Town of Wolf River.
- Dave Heideman, FSA reported on new restrictions on CRP and CREP signups and that the deadline for farmers to crop report was November 15, 2016. Heideman also informed the LCC that Lori Rhyner and Sue Ziegler, FSA would be retiring December 24, 2016 and he would be retiring on November 9, 2016. The LCC wished them all a happy retirement.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey had no report.

Business Items:

Review and Approve or Disapprove the 2017 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Budget

Barry Benson, USDA WS reviewed the 2017 WDACP budget and the Wisconsin Deer Donation 2017 Program agreement form with the LCC. Following a brief discussion a Hegg/Bohn motion to approve the 2017 Budget and Deer Donation Program participation passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the 2016 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Crop Prices to be Used to Reimburse the Program Participants for Their Crop Damage

Mr. Benson reviewed the suggested prices for each crop and possible harvest cut-off dates. Following the discussion a Bohn/Zentner motion to set the harvest cut-off date at November 30th, 2016 and the crop prices as follows: alfalfa \$81.54/ton, field corn \$3.45/bushel and soybeans \$8.84/bushel passed 6-0.

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 Hegg/Snider motion to approve \$566.00 for James Stadler for a well abandonment project, passed 6-0.

Report on the Lower Fox River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Project

Tom informed the LCC that Sheila Smith, LWCD Agronomist, had done extensive aerial photo inventory and compared it to the EVAAL model and would begin on-site checking of the crop fields following harvest.

Review and Approve the Proposed Revisions to the Winnebago County Livestock Waste Management Ordinance

Tom D. reviewed the revisions. Following the discussion a Snider/Zentner motion to approve the proposed revisions passed 6-0. Chairman Farrey informed the LCC members that another public hearing would be required and that he would schedule the hearing and oversee the necessary postings.

Report on the Winnebago System Lake Management Initiative (WSLMI)

Chad Casper and Tom Snider updated the LCC on the presentations and information provided at the last WSLMI meeting. Tom Snider commented that we need to get things going on the Initiative to become eligible for project funding via a WDNR approved Winnebago System Lakes Management Plan. Tom S. and Chad Casper explained that the Fox -Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) presented their connection to the system recovery and why they are a good fit to be the project coordinator. The LCC requested that someone from the FWWA attend the next LCC meeting to provide an overview of their organization. The LCC agreed they could support the effort once the "Tri-County" agreement was approved by the LCC and County Board. The LCC thanked Chad and Tom for their report.

A Hegg/Kriescher motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder