

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of November 3, 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:** Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Larry Kriescher and Tom Snider.

Others Present: Tom Davies, Chad Casper & Melanie Leet, LWCD, Jessica Schultz and Korin Doering, Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance and Dave Heideman, FSA

Absent: Guy Hegg and Roger Zentner (excused)

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 October 13, 2016 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Bohn/Kriescher motion to approve the October 13, 2016, LCC meeting minutes passed 5-0.

Public Comment of Agenda Items:

There were no comments on agenda items from the public.

Announcements:

- Tom D. informed the LCC that changes were being considered for cost sharing amounts with funds from the Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP). Once drafted the WQIP changes will be brought to the LCC for review.
- Tom D. distributed the draft schedule of the 2017 LCC meetings which will be on the December 1, 2016 LCC meeting agenda for review and approval.
- Tom D. provided the LCC with the DATCP November Newsletter for their review.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the 2017 LWCD Budget had been approved by the County Board as presented.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that John Kunde was moving his cattle, and therefore would be in compliance with the Agricultural Performance Standards and be able to maintain his eligibility for the Farmland Preservation Program State Tax Credit. Melanie Leet, LWCD will be working with Kunde to complete the required changes before the cattle return to the area of concern.
- Tom D. notified the LCC that the "Soil Health Challenge Program" was ready for the LCC to review.
- Tom D. explained to the LCC that Tim Abraham had not decided if he would extend his buffer contract. Tom D. said he would follow up with Abraham.
- Tom D. notified the LCC that Winnebago County no longer had jurisdiction for enforcement of the County Livestock Waste Management Ordinance in the newly incorporated Village of Fox Crossing (FC). LWCD is communicating with FC officials to provide assistance with livestock operations.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey explained his and Vice Chairman Snider's efforts to garner commitment from Fond du Lac and Calumet counties for the three county agreement related to the "Weigh in on Winnebago Waterways" project and the associated Winnebago County funds budgeted in the Winnebago County Executive's 2017 Budget. Chairman Farrey distributed a letter from Fond du Lac County Executive Allen Buechel, wherein Executive Buechel provides his commitment to developing the three county agreement. Chairman Farrey asked the LCC members for their opinion of the letter and took it under advisement.

Business Items:

Presentation on the Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA)

Jessica Schultz, Executive Director, FWWA presented an overview of the organization, their future expectations and goals, and answered questions from the committee. Jessica also introduced their newly hired staff person, Korin Doering. The LCC thanked Jessica for her fine presentation.

Report on the Winnebago System Lake Management Initiative

Chad Casper stated that Jessica Schultz had already presented the latest information on the Initiative.

Reconsider the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance (LWMO) Draft Dated 9-27-2016 as Approved on 10-13-2016

A Farrey/Snider motion to reconsider the LWMO Draft dated 9-27-2016 passed 5-0.

Approve or Disapprove the LWMO Draft Dated 9-27-2016

Following a detailed discussion on what constitutes a wetland and the required setbacks for livestock facilities and livestock waste storage facilities from wetlands, a Bohn/Kriescher motion to approve the LWMO draft dated 9-27-2016 as presented passed 5-0. Chairman Farrey informed the LCC that he would schedule the second public hearing in the near future.

Approve or Disapprove the LWMO Draft Dated 9-2-2016

Due to the approval of the LWMO Draft dated 9-27-2016, no action was taken by the LCC on this item.

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 and discussion about the projects and the funding program, a Snider/Bohn motion to approve \$20,000.00 for the Berger Family Trust and \$20,000.00 for Allen and Valerie Stabenow, both for shoreline protection projects and \$801.00 for Richard and Elise Gilchrist for a well abandonment passed 5-0.

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

Tom D. reported that cropland inventory had resumed now that the fields were drying and the crops were being harvested.

Review and Approve the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Contract Amendment to Continue the Program Funding

The LCC reviewed the CREP contract amendment and the funding level being provided. Following a brief discussion a Snider/Bohn motion to approve the amendment passed 5-0.

Discuss and Approve or Disapprove the Delores Rubbert Conditional Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) Certification for Tax Year 2016

Due to the possible sale of the property being reviewed for the conditional FPP certification, a Kriescher/Bohn motion to take no action and place the item on the December 1, 2016 LCC meeting agenda if necessary passed 5-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC discussed the new additions to the project list.

A Bohn/Barker motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. passed 5-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder