

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)
Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2019
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:03 a.m.

Present: LCC Members: Steve Binder, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon (Arrived 9:04 a.m.), Ben Joas, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Chad Casper and Sheila Smith

Others present: Barry Benson, USDA-WS

Absent: None

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 November 7, 2019 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Snider/Joas motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 6-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom Davies informed the LCC that the WPS Farm Show was scheduled for March 31 to April 2, 2020. Davies stated that the LWCD would again have a booth at the show.
- Tom Davies reported that the Tews Wetland and Wildlife Restoration Project near Rush Lake had been completed by Ducks Unlimited.
- Tom Davies informed the LCC that the final NRDA Grant and NAWCA Grant paperwork was being completed.
- Bruce Bohn informed the LCC that he would not be able to attend LCC meetings until April, 2020.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey had no report.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the 2020 LCC Meeting Schedule

Following a brief review of the schedule, a Gordon/Zentner motion to approve the schedule as presented passed 7-0.

Review and Approve or Deny, the 2019 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP)

Participant Claims

Barry Benson, USDA-WS reviewed the claims with the LCC. Following a brief discussion, a Snider/Gordon motion to approve the claims totaling \$9,552.03 passed 7-0.

Approve Authorization for Tom Davies to Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (WCWQIP) Cost Share Agreements (CSAs) Exceeding \$5,000 of County Funding for the Remainder of 2019

Tom Davies explained that this was an annual item in order to allow for the full execution of CSAs in the remainder of 2019. Davies stated that a completed CSA is required in order to secure the 2019 funding for the project and to make it eligible to be carried over into the 2020 LWCD budget. Following a brief discussion, a Bohn/Binder motion to approve the authorization passed 7-0.

Review and Discuss the Proposed Revisions to the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance (LWMO) and the Associated Ordinance Fact Sheet and Livestock Waste Application Guidance Document (LWAGD)

Tom Davies summarized the previous meetings discussion regarding the LWMO, the Fact Sheet and the LWAGD. Davies reviewed the two definitions requested by Bruce Bohn at the previous meeting. Davies called out the location of the two definitions in the LWAGD. The LCC agreed with the placement of the definitions. The LCC again discussed the 50-foot set-back requirement from potable wells. Tom Snider and Julie Gordon proposed adding a statement to the LWMO Fact Sheet and the LWAGD recommending a 100-foot set-back from potable wells for all livestock waste applications. The LCC agreed with this recommendation. Chairman Farrey instructed Davies to add the statement to both documents and to put the LWMO on the January LCC meeting agenda for approval. Chairman Farrey stated that the required public hearing would take place after the LCC approved the revised LWMO.

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, a Joas/Gordon motion to approve \$20,000.00 for the Butte des Morts Conservation Club Inc. for a large Shoreline Protection Project, and \$500.00 for Bernard and Patricia Schneider, for a well abandonment passed 7-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed and discussed the new projects on the list with the LWCD staff.

Judge the 2019 WLWCA Poster Contest Posters in Meeting Rooms A & B

The LCC members judged the posters.

A Snider/Bohn motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder