

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2017

Meeting Room A, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:00 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Steve Binder, Bruce Bohn, Larry Kriescher, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Chad Casper

Others present: Merrie Schamberger, USDA, NRCS

Absent: Guy Hegg, 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 November 2, 2017 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Bohn/Snider motion to approve the minutes passed 5-0-1 (Farrey abstained).

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom D. passed out the DATCP November and December Newsletters for the LCC to review.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that things were moving forward with the NRDA/DU Grant and that a 2018 budget amendment would be needed to approve receiving the funds once the grant paperwork was fully executed.
- Tom D. passed out the approved 2018 LCC meeting schedule.
- Tom D. announced that Jim Vanden Brook, WLWCA was retiring in May, 2018.
- Merrie Schamberger provided information on a Soil Health Meeting and a Small Farmer's Network Meeting being conducted on December 13, 2017 at the Winneconne Town Hall.
- Tom D. on behalf of FSA, announced that the Margin Protection Program (MPP) signup deadline was December 15, 2017, and that the new MPP does allow participants to get out of the program if desired.

Chairman's Report:

There was no report.

Business Items:

Review and Approve LWCD Participation in the 2018 Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) for Phosphorus Program

Tom Davies reminded the LCC about the numerous discussions they had over the last year regarding the MDV program. Davies reviewed the program and the potential funding available for cost-sharing and operational expenses in the next few years. Davies also informed the LCC that County Executive Harris was in favor of participating in the MDV program. Following a brief discussion, a Snider/Kriescher motion to approve LWCD's participation in the 2018 MDV program passed 6-0.

Review and Approve a 2018 Budget Transfer of the \$20,000 Funding for the shared Winnebago Waterways Program from Miscellaneous Unclassified to the Land and Water Conservation Department

This item was removed from the agenda by Chairman Farrey.

Review and Approve the Proposed Signage for the Nancy Barker Educational Garden

Tom Davies reviewed the final draft of the proposed signage and explained that the UWEX Committee had approved the final draft at their November meeting. Davies informed the LCC that the cost of the signage was \$1,198.00. During the discussion it was recommended that LWCD and UWEX share the cost of the signage. Following the discussion, a Zentner/Kriesher motion to approve the purchase of proposed signage passed 6-0. Tom Snider, UWEX Committee Chairman stated he would discuss the cost-sharing with Catherine Neiswender, UWEX.

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 2017

Tom Davies informed the LCC that this was an annual authorization to allow CSAs to be completed and approved in 2017 to allow the funds for the projects to be carried over into 2018. Following a brief discussion, a Bohn/Snider motion to approve the authorization passed 6-0.

Report on the Winnebago Waterways Program

Chad Casper, LWCD reported on the current status of the Lake Management Planning process and described some of the inventory methods being used to gather information required for the plan. There was a healthy discussion about the planning process and the LCC thanked Chad for his fine report.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost Share Agreements (CSA) to Provide Funding for Eligible Projects

Tom Davies provided a revised CSA Summary for the LCC to review. Following a discussion of the projects in the summary, a Zentner/Bohn motion to approve \$500.00 each for Stephen Halron, Lawrence Bibow, Michael Udelhoven, Ed Dwyer and \$398.00 for James Wussow for well abandonments, and \$9,702.00 for Dennis Stuyvenberg, \$9,653.00 for Jack Quigley and \$6,450.00 for Benjamin Kossel, for shoreline protection projects, and \$2,450.00 for Derrick DeDecker and \$12,000.00 for Daniel Marohn, for wetland restoration projects passed 6-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

Judge the WLWCA Poster Contest Posters

The LCC individually judged the posters.

A Binder/Kriescher motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder