

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2009

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barker at 9:05 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Sue Locke, Dan Stokes and Bob Warnke.

**LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies

Others Present: Brian Maedke, USDA, Wildlife Services

Absent: John Reinert, excused.

Approve November 12, 2009, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Warnke/Stokes motion to approve the November 12, 2009 LCC meeting minutes, passed 6-0.

## Announcements:

- Tom announced that a Land and Water Resource Management Plan revision survey was sent to the towns for further input.
- Tom announced that both the Adams and Washburn Counties LW Grant Fund transfers had been approved by DATCP.
- Tom commented that the Governor had signed bill (AB281) that reduces the allowable amount of phosphorus in dishwasher detergents.
- Tom distributed the 2010 LCC meeting schedule approved at the previous LCC meeting.
- Tom reviewed the 2010 preliminary allocation plan from DATCP/DNR. LWCD is listed to receive approximately \$148,000 for employee costs, \$30,000 for cost sharing Nutrient Management Planning and \$62,000 for cost sharing bonded (construction) projects.
- Tom shared with the LCC that James Coughlin had passed away on November 21, 2009. Nancy shared her experiences with Mr. Coughlin and items from his funeral that she attended.
- Tom mentioned that Jon Bahrke, Agronomist for LWCD had received his CCA Certification and had satisfied that requirement of his position. The LCC congratulated Jon on his Certification.
- Tom announce that Dean Kaderabek, GIS Mgr for LWCD had conducted two training sessions for Towns officials to help them learn more about GIS and how it can benefit their individual towns.
- Tom shared that the GPS survey equipment is now operating via a cell phone eliminating the need to set up additional equipment and greatly increasing efficiency in the field.
- Tom explained that LWCD would be upgrading the Auto CAD stations to a networking system to allow more flexibility and to meet current licensing requirements. LWCD will also acquire an additional station no longer in use by the Solid Waste Department which will provide an additional AutoCAD station at a fraction of a new installation.
- Tom informed the LCC that DATCP had extended the deadline for signing CSAs with landowners. This will allow more time to get contracts completed so they can be carried over into next year. Tom mentioned LWCD will have several CSAs to carryover into 2010 and will need Chairman Barker to sign the paperwork later in December. The LCC agreed with the request and Nancy Barker will sign the CSA Extension Summary when it's ready for submittal.

## Business Items:

### Review and Approve the 2009 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program Harvest Cut Off Date

Brian Maedke explained the need to set the Harvest Cut Off Date for the program. Following a brief discussion a Farrey / Locke motion to set the date at December 15, 2009 passed 6-0.

Progress report on the Cory & Dennis Craig Manure Pit Reconstruction Project in the Town of Rushford

Tom reported that the pit reclamation project at the Cory and Dennis Craig farm had been completed. The only thing left to do was scrape up the manure north of the pit and apply it to cropland. Tom stated that the LWCD has been working on this project for over 2 years. Tom explained that the manure pile must be a minimum of 300 feet from any surface water otherwise it is in violation of State and County code. Tom stated he will continue to monitor the situation until the manure has been dealt with in accordance with the project timeline requirements.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost Share Agreements (CSA) to provide funding for eligible projects

Tom reviewed the well abandonment project for Karen Schuman and commented on the small amount of funds required to abandon local wells. Tom explained it was a very good return on investment to get the wells closed up at such a low cost. Bob Warnke asked why this abandonment was more than most. Tom explained that as the well depth increases, there is more bentonite needed to fill the well casing. After a brief discussion, a Bohn/Farrey motion to approve \$595.00 for the Karen Schuman well abandonment project passed 6-0.

Discuss WLWCA Conference items and resolutions

Chairperson Barker signed the Voting Proxy Form appointing Greg Baneck, Outagamie County as her delegate for the WLWCA annual conference. The LCC reviewed and discussed Resolution #1 supporting legislation to require comprehensive well water testing prior to real estate transfers. Following a long discussion the LCC decided by majority to vote "No" on resolution #1. The LCC reviewed and discussed Resolution #2 regarding whitetail deer herd management in Wisconsin. Following a very brief discussion the LCC agreed that the resolution had no place at the WLWCA conference and unanimously decided to vote "No" on resolution #2. Tom said he would send the proxy to WLWCA and Greg Baneck. Tom added he would also send the LCC's decisions to Greg so he can cast the correct vote for Winnebago County.

Approve authorization for Tom Davies to approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (WCWQIP) Cost Share Agreements (CSAs) exceeding \$5000 of county funding for the remainder of 2009

Tom explained the need to approve CSAs for the balance of 2009. This will allow the LWCD to include the signed contracts in the carryovers and use the contracted funds in 2010. Tom explained this was an annual authorization that ended with 2009. A Bohn / Farrey motion to approve the authorization passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the Mutual Aid Compact (MAC) designed to provide voluntary assistance to and from neighboring counties

Tom reviewed the MAC with the LCC and informed them that Calumet County had decided not to participate. Tom explained that the MAC was voluntary and very beneficial to all the participating counties. Tom added that a MAC is recommended as an integral part of a department's "Continuation of Operations / Continuation of Government" Emergency Management Plan. Following a brief discussion, a Farrey/Locke motion to approve the MAC and the required resolution for County Board approval, passed 6-0.

A Farrey / Warnke motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder