

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2016

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 10:00 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** David Albrecht, County Board Chair, Chuck Farrey, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

Others Present: Tom Davies and Chad Casper, LWCD, Eric Fowle, ECWRPC, Jim Erdman, Chairman, Town of Oshkosh, Bob Schmeichel, Chairman, Town of Neenah

Absent: Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, Guy Hegg and Larry Kriescher, all 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 December 3, 2015 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Snider/Farrey motion to approve the December 3, 2015, LCC meeting minutes passed 4-0.

Announcements:

- Tom D. welcomed new LCC member Roger Zentner, Chairman, FSA Committee.
- Tom D. passed out invitations to the “Runoff Round Table Luncheon” scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Liberty Hall in Kimberly, WI.
- Tom D. routed pictures of the cement grouting equipment used on the Richard Knopp well abandonment.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that he had nominated Pat Lake, NRCS for the WLWCA 2016 Conservation Steward Award for the Soil Health Field Day project he conducted on his land in September, 2015.
- Tom D. announced on behalf of NRCS that there is a new EQIP signup ongoing that ends March 31, 2016.
- Tom D. distributed the LWLWCA Planning Meeting information and instructed the LCC to let Lynette know if they planned to attend by January 14, 2016 so she could submit the registration on time.
- Tom D. distributed the new LCC and LWCD Staff Directory.
- Tom D. passed out the WLWCA 2016 Annual Conference Registration and Information Packets to each member. The LCC was reminded that they must receive permission to attend any functions that have a cost from the County Board Chairman, David Albrecht. Tom D. also informed the LCC that the WLWCA Conference was scheduled the same day as their March LCC meeting and it may need to be changed. Tom D. stated he would have it on for discussion at the February LCC meeting.
- Tom D. mentioned that the LWMO revisions and the draft Soil Health Program would be coming to the LCC for review in the near future.
- Tom D. notified the LCC that letters inviting landowners in the Lower Fox River Watershed in Winnebago County to an informational meeting regarding the TMDLs would be sent out in late January or early February. Tom D. will keep the LCC informed as to meeting times and dates.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey explained his reasons for the resolution he brought forward under agenda item A.

Business Items:

Review and Approve or Disapprove a Resolution to Request the Appointment of ECWRPC to Review and Update the Winnebago Comprehensive Management Plan

Chairman Farrey distributed his resolution and reviewed its contents and his intentions with the LCC members and requested feedback. Chairman Farrey then allowed Eric Fowle and Jim Erdman to comment on the resolution, both were supportive. Chairman Farrey then took questions and comments from all in attendance. Following the discussion a Snider/Zentner motion to amend the resolution to "soften" the wording about transparency passed 3-0-1 (Albrecht abstained). Following the amendment a Snider/Albrecht motion to approve the resolution as amended passed 4-0.

Review and Approve or Disapprove the Revised Streamside Vegetated Buffer Program

Tom D. reviewed the revised program and explained the need for the change. Following the discussion a Snider/Albrecht motion to approve the new program passed 4-0.

Review and Approve or Disapprove a Five Year Extension for Tim Abraham's Current Buffer Agreement at the Revised Buffer Program Ten Year Agreement Payment Rate, Prorated for the Five Year Extension Agreement

Tom D. reminded the LCC of the situation with Mr. Abraham's current contract ending in the spring of 2016 (discussed at the previous LCC meeting) and the possibility of extending it for another five years to match the new program. Following a short discussion a Zentner/Albrecht motion to approve the one time, five year extension option for Mr. Abraham passed 4-0.

Review and Approve or Disapprove Paying the 2016 WLWCA Dues (\$1,997.00)

Tom D. reviewed the dues invoice with the LCC and discussed the value of the organization to the LCC and LWCD. Following a brief discussion a Snider/Albrecht motion to pay the dues passed 4-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

Tom D. reviewed the project list with the LCC. Tom D. informed the LCC that a quarterly report would be sent to the full County Board.

Review a 2015 Budget Carryover to the 2016 Budget to Increase Certain Expense Accounts to Help Cover the Cost of Expensive Wetland Delineation Training for Two LWCD Staff in 2016

Tom D. explained that he intended to request a budget carryover in several expense accounts to help cover the costs of the Wetland Delineation Training in 2016. Tom D. shared the value and the benefit to the County constituents of having staff trained in this specific discipline. The LCC was very supportive of pursuing the carryover.

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

Tom D. reviewed the project listed on the CSA Summary Sheet with the LCC. Following a brief discussion, a Snider/Albrecht motion to approve \$2,000.00 for two Rain Garden demonstration projects at the James Coughlin Center passed 4-0.

A Zentner/Snider motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. passed 4-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder