

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2015  
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 8:05 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey and Tom Snider.

**LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies, Mike Haase, Melanie Leet, Andrew Maracini and Chad Casper

Others Present: Lori Rhyner, FSA and Christina Mulder, NRCS

Absent: John Egan and Larry Kriescher, both 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 July 2, 2015 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Snider/ Bohn motion to approve the July 2, 2015 LCC meeting minutes passed 4-0.

Announcements:

- Tom D. passed out the July and August DATCP Newsletter for the LCC to review.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that following his presentation of the 2016-2020 Winnebago County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP) on August 2, 2015, the plan was unanimously approved by the State Land and Water Conservation Board. Tom explained that this approval keeps the LWCD eligible for the SWRM Grant Program and based on current funding levels could provide approximately \$1.1 to \$1.2 million over the next 5 years.
- Tom D. reminded the LCC that the LWCD is still in the process of revising the LWMO and would hopefully be bringing a draft version to them at the September LCC meeting.
- Tom D. shared with the non-supervisor LCC members that the project list provided to the County Board was very well received.
- Tom D. informed the LCC he would be on vacation from August 12<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>, returning to work on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey informed the LCC that he had attended the NRCS Local Work Group meeting in Fremont, WI with LWCD staff and was very intrigued with and supportive of, the meeting structure and funding distribution process. Chairman Farrey explained how the funds are allocated or targeted to four main areas; Forest land, Pasture land, Crop land and Farmstead projects.

Business Items:

Review the LWCD Project List

Tom D. reviewed the new additions to the list and the LCC discussed the projects. It was decided to provide the list to the County Board quarterly during the year.

Discuss the Cover Crop Demonstration Project on the JJ Keller Property (Amos Ihde Operator) in the Lower Fox River Watershed

Tom D. reviewed the many reasons for the cover crop demonstration project, the research and information gathering that would be conducted, and how it would be shared and used to educate the producers and landowners in the Lower Fox River Watershed (LFR). The LCC was very supportive of the location and the project. Tom D. said he would bring a project funding agreement to the September LCC meeting for their approval.

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

There were no CSAs and the LCC took no action.

Conduct LCC Educational Tour to View Installed Conservation Practices

The LCC viewed multiple conservation practices installed in Winnebago County by the Winnebago County LWCD (a list of the landowners and practices is on file with the minutes). The LCC visited with several landowners at the sites. A lunch break was at the Fin 'n' Feather Restaurant in Winneconne. The tour and meeting ended back at the Coughlin Center.

A Bohn/Snider motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. passed 4-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder