

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)
Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2023 LCC Monthly Meeting
Meeting Room A, James P. Coughlin Center
& Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:01 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn (Zoom), Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon, Kay Horan, Doug Nelson, Dan Stokes & Doug Zellmer

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper, Andy Maracini, Sheila Smith

Others present: Maddy Pfaff, USDA Wildlife Specialist

Absent:

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy:

Chairman Farrey confirmed with Director Casper that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve January 5, 2023 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Gordon/Horan motion to approve the minutes passed 6-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Director Casper let the LCC know that a Memorandum of Understanding is being developed by NRCS so they can provide cover crop client information for collaboration with the LWCD. Casper said that this document would also provide broader long-term collaboration between the two agencies.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that interviews will be held the end of February for filling the Administrative Associate position in the LWCD.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that he would be presenting on the LWCD ARPA proposal to the County Board at the Special Orders Meeting on February 7th.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that recent RFPs have been coming in much higher than in the past.
- Director Casper again reminded the LCC that the WI Land+Water Conference is being held from March 1-3 in Wisconsin Dells.

Committee Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Farrey let the LCC know that the ARPA Commission will be meeting twice in February to develop a new process for setting up the ARPA funds for future allocations.

Business Items:

Review and Approve or Deny, the 2022 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Participant Claims

Maddy Pfaff, USDA Wildlife Specialist reviewed the 2022 claims with the LCC. Following a brief discussion, a Nelson/Zellmer motion was made to approve the Robert Walter claim payment for \$5,461.14, the Jeff Posselt claim payment for \$1,014.13 and the James Fischer claim payment for \$2,732.96 passed 6-0.

Update on the WDNR Urban Nonpoint Source & Stormwater Management Program Planning Grant Application and MS4 Annual Report

Andy Maracini gave a detailed report to the LCC on the WDNR Grant application that will be submitted to help fund 50% of the costs to do the MS4 remodel updates. Maracini stated that the last MS4 model was completed in 2018 before the Upper Fox TMDL was implemented. Maracini also gave the LCC an update on the Annual Report

coming due in March along with the WDNR response from the audit that was done in September of 2022. Maracini reviewed the WDNR summary of findings with the LCC and what corrective actions are needed. Maracini will update the LCC in March with the final response to the WDNR audit.

Discussion on the Chapter 92 Draft Legislation regarding the Farm Service Agency Representative on LCCs
Chairman Farrey gave an update to the LCC on the Chapter 92 draft legislation. Farrey said that WI Land+Water, Farm Bureau and WCA have been working on a new definition of who is an operator engaged in an agricultural use. Farrey stated that the WI Land+Water is using a similar definition as in Chapter 91 (FPP) for an operator engaged in an agricultural use. Director Casper stated that this draft legislation is being reviewed by Andy Phillips, WCA because of some concerns from the WI Land+Water Legislative-Admin Committee regarding some of the language in the definition and referring to the required members on the LCC. Casper said that he would keep the LCC informed when a new draft is available. The LCC expressed concern about the proposed definition not being specific enough to be a producer earning their livelihood through agriculture. The LCC requested that a letter be sent to WI Land+Water stating that they would like the definition of an operator engaged in an agricultural use to be someone who's livelihood income is primarily through agriculture. Farrey requested that the letter gets copied to the Farm Bureau, WCA, and State Agriculture Committees.

Review and Approve NR 151/ATCP 50 Implementation/Compliance Notification Letter

Sheila Smith reviewed the notification letter summary sheet and distributed an updated noncompliance letter. Smith stated that the farm is noncompliant due to the sale of the land, which will no longer have the required whole farm compliance for the Farmland Preservation Program. Following a brief discussion, a Nelson/Horan motion to approve the letter passed 6-0

Julie Gordon was excused at 10:30 a.m.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSAs) - CSA 23-01, Michael Drath Well Abandonment Project for \$440.00, CSA 23-02, Patrick & Jean Laux Shoreline Protection Project for \$5,320.00, CSA 23-03, Gregory & Barbara Kargus Shoreline Protection Project for \$3,123.40 & CSA 23-04, Kent & Debra Sorensen Shoreline Protection Project for \$4,795.00

Following a review of the CSA summary a Nelson/Zellmer motion to approve \$440.00 for the Michael Drath well abandonment project, \$5,320.00 for the Patrick & Jean Laux shoreline protection project, \$3,123.40 for the Gregory & Barbara Kargus shoreline protection project, and \$4,795.00 for the Kent & Debra Sorensen shoreline protection project passed 5-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Nelson/Horan motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. passed 5-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder