

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)
Meeting Minutes of March 9, 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 9:02 a.m.

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

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper, Andy Maracini

Others present: None

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 February 2, 2023 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Horan/Zellmer motion to approve the minutes passed 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Director Casper let the LCC know that the 2022 LWCD Annual Report is almost complete and will be done within a week.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that Jody Bezio, currently with UWEX, was offered the Administrative Associate position in the LWCD and will be starting on March 30th.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the Climate Smart Commodity Grant will be advancing within the LWCD over the next few months.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that the Terry & Lynn Leichtfuss manure pit abandonment project was awarded approximately \$6,300 of NRCS EQIP funds. Leichtfuss has until the end of March to decide if they want the funding. Casper informed the LCC that this is a violation of the LWMO and the manure pit will need to be abandoned regardless of funding.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that the Winnebago Waterways Program has supported hiring 1-2 additional WDNR staff for the Winnebago System. Casper said that Governor Evers had it in his biennial budget and there will be lobbying done to support the additional staff.
- Director Casper distributed the new WI Land+Water local policy input process for advancing issues to the state association level.

Committee Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Farrey let the LCC know that the ARPA Commission will be meeting today to approve the request for \$3,030,300 for funding water quality improvement projects in the LWCD. Farrey stated that this would then advance to the County Board for approval in March.

Business Items:

Review the Winnebago Waterways Program Agreement between Calumet County, Fond du Lac County, Winnebago County, Waushara County and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA)

Director Casper informed the LCC that the Winnebago Waterways Program Agreement would be valid from 2024-2027. Casper stated that this will be on the Winnebago Waterways Executive Committee agenda for approval on March 29th. Casper explained the value of the Winnebago Waterways Program and this agreement would keep all

the positive momentum going with all the implementation efforts happening in the region.

Review the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report

Andy Maracini gave an update to the LCC on the 2022 MS4 Annual Report that will be submitted to the WDNR by the end of March. The LCC thanked Maracini for his good work and the detailed report.

Dan Stokes was excused at 9:55 a.m.

Review and Approve the Resolution to Request Authority to Apply for and Accept WDNR Runoff Management Grants

Maracini explained to the LCC that in order to submit a WDNR grant application for the MS4 remodeling expenses, a resolution must be approved first. Maracini also distributed a draft support letter for the WDNR grant application that will be submitted on behalf of the LCC. A Zellmer/Horan motion was made to approve the resolution passed 4-0

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Horan/Nelson motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. passed 4-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder