

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)  
Meeting Minutes of October 5, 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, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon (virtual), Kay Horan, Doug Nelson & Doug Zellmer

**LWCD Staff:** Chad Casper

Others present: Executive Doemel, Olivia Hoffman, Glacierland RC&D, Chip Lovell & Rebeca Bravo, USDA Wildlife Services

Absent: Dan Stokes (Excused)

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 September 7, 2023, LCC Meeting Minutes:

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Agency Reports:

- Olivia Hoffman, Glacierland RC&D informed the LCC that that they are hiring interns through Glacierland RC&D along with a Soil Conservationist in cooperation with NRCS.

Announcements:

- Director Casper informed the LCC that the meetings will soon be transitioning from Zoom virtual meetings to Microsoft Teams. Casper also suggested that in 2024 that we start holding the LCC meetings in Meeting Room D. Chairman Farrey said that this will be considered and discussed at the next LCC Meeting.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that there have been several "after the fact" LWMO permits in specific towns. Casper stated that we send a reminder letter every year from the LWCD to all the towns reminding them about the LWMO and when permits are needed. Casper said that he will be reaching out to the towns where we have been having issues with them not informing the public.
- Director Casper passed around an informational flyer about the poster contest and asked the LCC to spread the word about the contest.
- Director Casper distributed the final approved LWCD Spirit Fund Program Policy Plan to all the LCC members. Casper also distributed an information brochure that is being used for outreach and education on the LWCD Spirit Fund Program.

Committee Chairman's Report:

- No report

Business Items:

Review and Approve the 2023 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Crop Prices to be used to reimburse the program participants for their Crop Damage and set the 90% Harvest Cut-Off Date  
Chip Lovell, USDA Wildlife Services, reviewed the proposed prices for the different commodities affected by wildlife damage. Following a discussion regarding commodity prices, a Horan/Nelson motion was made to set the

price for field corn to \$5.00 per bushel, price for oats to \$4.49 per bushel, price for soybeans to \$12.00 per bushel, price for wheat to \$5.00 per bushel, price for alfalfa to \$162.58 per ton and price for alfalfa/grass-mix to \$111.08 per ton passed 5-0. Following a short discussion, a Horan/Nelson motion to make the 90% cut-off date December 1, 2023 passed 5-0.

Review and Approve the 2024 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Budget

Following a review of the proposed USDA and WDNR 2024 WDACP Budget by Chip Lovell, a Horan/Zellmer motion to approve the budget as presented passed 5-0.

Review and Approve Participation in the 2024 Deer Donation Program

Following a brief review of the 2024 Deer Donation Program by Chip Lovell, a Horan/Bohn motion to approve participation in the program passed 5-0.

Review and Approve the Five-Year Cooperative Service Agreement between Winnebago County and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and United States Department of Agriculture, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services for the implementation of the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program and the required resolution

Following a review of the program and the Five-Year Cooperative Service Agreement by Chip Lovell, a Nelson/Horan motion to approve the agreement and the required resolution passed 5-0.

Review and Approve the AIS Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Calendar Year (2024)

Director Casper highlighted some of the Aquatic Invasive Species Program work completed in 2022 by Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA). Casper went on to explain the 2024 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Cooperative Agreement with the County and FWWA. Casper informed the LCC that the agreement allows the County to designate FWWA to coordinate the AIS efforts within the county. Following a review of the agreement, a Horan/Zellmer motion to approve the AIS Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Calendar Year (2024) passed 5-0.

Review the 2024 LWCD Budget

Director Casper reviewed the 2024 LWCD budget with the LCC, calling out any significant changes. Casper also reviewed several LWCD grants in 2024 and specifically explained the 3-year USDA Climate Smart Commodity grant and said that all expenses would be covered by the grant revenue and not affect to overall county levy. Executive Doemel also gave the LCC an overview of the County budget and how we will be transitioning to priority-based budgeting in the future.

Supervisor Gordon was excused at 10:00 a.m.

Review and Approve LWCD Spirit Fund Program Cost-Share Agreement (CSA) – CSA, SFP-BMP-23-01, Michael & Jennifer Pollack Wetland Restoration Project for \$1,975.40

Following a review of the CSAs, a Horan/Nelson motion to approve \$1,975.40 for the Michael & Jennifer Pollack Wetland Restoration Project, passed 5-0

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Nelson/Horan motion made to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. passed 5-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder