

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2019

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:02 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Steve Binder, Chuck Farrey, Ben Joas, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Chad Casper and Andrew Maracini

Others present: Merrie Schamberger, USDA, NRCS

Absent: Bruce Bohn and Julie Gordon-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 December 6, 2018 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Snider/Joas motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom Davies distributed the January and February DATCP Newsletter for the LCC to review. It was decided by the LCC that they no longer needed the paper version because they all receive the newsletter via email. Davies will discontinue providing the paper version.
- Tom Davies reported that the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance is in need of a small revision to comply with recent changes in the NRCS Technical Standard 590. Davies stated that the revisions are needed to address a new livestock waste application set-back from wells. Davies added that once the revisions were drafted they would be brought to the LCC for review and approval.
- Tom Davies provided an update on the Regional Demo Farms Project that will be led by Waupaca County. Davies informed the committee that it would make the most sense to use County I&E funds or MDV funds to fulfill the financial requirements needed to support the regional effort.
- Tom Davies reviewed the MDV program and reminded the LCC that a 2019 LWCD budget adjustment would be on the March 7, 2019 LCC meeting agenda. Davies stated the funds were estimated to be approximately \$45,000. Davies also stated that there were still some issues that needed to be resolved by WDNR related to the use of the funds.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey had no report.

Business Items:

Review and Approve Paying the 2019 WLWCA Dues (\$2,007.00)

Tom Davies reported that the dues had not increased. Chairman Farrey explained that Winnebago County had long been a member of the WLWCA and thought it was a good organization. Following a brief discussion a Binder/Zentner motion to approve paying the 2019 WLWCA dues passed 5-0.

Report and Discussion on the Winnebago Waterways Project Executive Committee Meeting

Chairman Farrey noted that he had asked Steve Binder to attend the Executive Committee meeting in his stead and asked Binder to report to the committee. Binder informed the LCC on the different discussions regarding continued funding for implementation and where the implementation would be targeted. There was also discussion on the proposed reduction to the Lake Winnebago lake level management targets. Chad Casper, who also attended the meeting, provided written information on the lake level reduction proposal and provided input on other items discussed during the meeting. Chairman Farrey thanked Binder and Casper for their fine reports.

Progress Report and Discussion on the MS4 Stormwater Modeling, the MS4 Management Plan and the WDR Stormwater Management Planning Grant

Andrew Maracini provided an overview of the modeling and planning process and gave the LCC a copy of the plan to review. Maracini explained how the future schedule of Phosphorus and Sediment reduction projects was derived by reviewing the Capital Improvement Plan for Highway Department Projects and identifying them as potential reduction efforts to meet the TMDL reduction goals identified by the modeling. Maracini informed the LCC that the plan had been reviewed by WDNR staff and the list of their concerns was being addressed. Tom Davies informed the LCC that this was a very large endeavor that included multiple departments and Maracini was to be commended for his outstanding leadership and follow through on this project. Davies also reported that he had submitted all the required documentation to the WDNR for the grant reimbursement. Davies stated the reimbursement payment would be released once WDNR was comfortable with the MS4 Plan. The LCC thanked Maracini for his fine report and great work on the project.

Progress Report and Discussion on the \$200,000 NRDA Grant and the \$40,000 Ducks Unlimited (DU) NAWCA Grant

Tom Davies reviewed the current status of both grants and discussed some of the issues related to getting set up with the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to access the NRDA grant once the funds are allocated for the project. Davies stated that the NAWCA grant was a simple reimbursable grant administered through DU and would not be an issue to manage.

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

Tom Davies reviewed the CSA summary with the LCC. Following a brief discussion, a Joas/Snyder motion to approve \$1,400 for Robert and Kelly Tigert for a waterway project and \$347.00 for Steven and Patricia Barker for a well abandonment passed 5-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

Tom Davies called out the new additions to the list and the LCC reviewed and acknowledged the changes.

A Joas/Binder motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. passed 5-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder