

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2021 LCC Monthly Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon, Ben Joas, Karen Powers, Tom Snider & Roger Zentner

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper

Others present: Levi Schultz, NRCS

Absent: None

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 4, 2021 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Snider/Powers motion to approve the minutes passed 7-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Director Casper informed the LCC that when paying the invoice for the processing of the deer for the 2020 Deer Donation Program, he was informed that the WDNR just increased the processing fee to \$80 per deer.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that Winnebago County LWCD was well represented at the WLWCA Annual Conference. Casper did a presentation on Off-shore Breakwall Structure efforts in Winnebago County along with Andy Maracini doing a presentation on Survey 123 vs. Arc Collector, data collection app options.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that the 2020 DATCP Annual Report was submitted.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that FWWA secured a WDNR Surface Water Planning Grant for the mapping of invasive Phragmites and Japanese knotweed in Winnebago County and part of Waupaca County.
- Director Casper gave an update on the Terrell's Island/Samer's Bay project along with the Stabenow project.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that we received \$8,840 from the City of Fond du Lac through the 2021 MDV Program.

Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Farrey and Julie Gordon discussed bringing forward a resolution from the U.S. Congress on Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act to the LCC. After further discussion, both agreed that the resolution will be referred to the Legislative Committee instead of the LCC.

Business Items:

Report and Discussion on the proposed State legislation for the Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program

Director Casper explained that Senate Bill 63 and companion Assembly Bill 49 were proposing changes to the Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP). Casper explained that the bills are proposing to have the WDNR administer the WDACP instead of the Counties due to efficiencies and cost savings. Chairman Farrey expressed his concern regarding the loss of local control with the program. The LCC members all agreed with Farrey and a resolution opposing the bills will be drafted by Casper for approval at the April LCC meeting.

Review and Discuss the Winnebago Waters Program, Nine Key Element Watershed Plan, Healthy Land/Healthy Water Draft

Director Casper gave the LCC a brief summary of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan approved in 2020 by the County Board and the additional benefits that the Nine Key Element Plan, Healthy Land/Healthy Water would provide for the County. Casper explained that this Plan would make the LWCD eligible for State and Federal agricultural conservation funding. Casper informed the LCC that the Plan was sent to Corporation Council to review for any potential County financial commitments. Corporation Council asked for additional financial documents showing the County's financial obligations, which were not available because it is not part of the current Plan. Casper said that the Plan does not commit the County to any financial commitments until grants are applied for. When grants are secured, Corporation Council would then have a document to review showing any financial commitments the County may have. Chairman Farrey explained that he would like to see a resolution drafted by Casper for supporting the adoption of the Plan for LCC approval in April. The LCC all agreed and the resolution will then be put on the April 20th County Board agenda for approval.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSA) to provide funding for eligible projects

Following a review of the CSA summary a Gordon/Joas motion to approve \$212.00 for the Dennis & Joyce Nikolaus well abandonment project & \$914.55 for the Thomas & Paula Christensen Riparian Buffer project passed 7-0

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Bohn/Powers motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. passed 7-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder