

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2019

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:03 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Steve Binder, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon, Ben Joas, and Tom Snider

**LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies

Others present: Barry Benson, USDA, Wildlife Services

Absent: Roger Zentner, 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 February 7, 2019 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Binder/Joas motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 6-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom Davies informed the LCC that LWCD staff had been contacted by WDNR regarding a manure issue at the Jesse Quick farm in the Town of Nepeuskun. Staff met with Mr. Quick and discussed the issue and the needed corrective actions. Mr. Quick was very cooperative and may consider working with the LWCD to begin a rotational grazing program on his farm. The LWCD staff will also be contacting Wayne Kaufmann, also in the Town of Nepeuskun to address his manure runoff issues.
- Tom Davies stated that the WPS Farm Show had very good attendance this year and the LWCD booth had lots of “traffic” for all three days.
- Tom Davies mentioned that the Rush Lake Committee had received the WDNR Lakes Planning Grant they applied for in 2018. Davies stated that LWCD would participate on the Steering Committee for that grant.
- Tom Davies reported that the 2018 DATCP Accomplishments Report, the DATCP 2019 Work Plan and the 2020 DATCP SWRM Grant Application had all been submitted to DATCP ahead of the deadlines.
- Tom Davies informed the LCC that the process of revising the “Winnebago County Land and Water Resource Management Plan” (LWRMP) would begin soon and the LCC would be involved.
- Tom Davies shared that the LWCD Annual Tree Sale would be held on April 30, 2019 at the Coughlin Center starting at 2:00 p.m.
- Tom Davies distributed the 2018 LWCD Annual Report for the LCC to review.

Chairman’s Report:

Chairman Farrey had Steve Binder report on the Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) award ceremony held at Lambeau Field. Binder shared the highlights of receiving the award/plaque on behalf of Winnebago County. The award is on display at the LWCD office.

## Business Items:

### Presentation-Barry Benson, USDA Wildlife Services, “Unique Wildlife Issues in the Past Few Years”

Barry Benson reviewed some of the interesting wildlife projects and problems that he worked on in 2018 that included black bears, wolves, cranes and endangered birds. The LCC thanked Mr. Benson for his fine presentation and invited him to present again next year.

### Progress Report on the Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) Program

Tom Davies reported to the LCC that the LWCD has a much better understanding of the MDV program following its meeting with the WDNR. Davies explained that many of the initial questions had been answered and the next step was to write a preliminary watershed plan. Davies went on to say that the plan would call out the proposed practices to be installed and the associated costs. Davies also stated that most of the support dollars provided by the program would be used to fund the County’s participation in the Regional Demonstration Farms Network which would eliminated the need to use levy funds. Davies commented that the MDV was a new program and the participating counties were “learning on the go”, along with WDNR staff, who have never administered this type of program before. Davies assured the LCC that they would be kept informed as the planning and implementation process progressed.

### Review a Door County, Wisconsin Resolution Number 2019-20, “Supporting a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) Designation for Northeast Wisconsin” and provide an opinion to the Winnebago County Legislative Committee

Chairman Farrey and Vice Chairman Snider reviewed the resolution with the other LCC members. Chairman Farrey and Tom Davies shared information about the Lake Superior NERR to provide an example of what is done at a Research Reserve. Following a healthy and positive discussion, a Snider/Gordon motion to support the resolution and forward it to the Legislative Committee for further consideration passed 6-0.

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

There were no CSAs and no action was taken.

### Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Binder/Bohn motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder