

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2016
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Snider at 9:00 a.m.

Present: LCC Members: Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, Larry Kriescher, Tom Snider, and Roger Zentner

Others Present: Tom Davies, Dave Heideman, FSA, Barry Benson, USDA WS and Merrie Schamberger, NRCS

Absent: Chuck Farrey, excused and Guy Hegg

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy: Vice-Chairman Snider confirmed with Tom Davies that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve March 3, 2016 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Kriescher/Bohn motion to approve the March 3, 2016, LCC meeting minutes passed 5-0.

Announcements:

- Tom D. informed the LCC that another Soil Health Field Day is being planned for later in the year at the Ron and Rick Gehrke Farm near Eureka.
- Tom D. mentioned that the LWCD Staff are working on a Soil Health Challenge Program to provide cost-sharing to landowners willing to implement no-till with cover crops on a portion of their farm for a minimum of five to six years. These farms would be used as educational resources to promote soil health and demonstrate the reduction in sediment and phosphorus delivery through the use of no-till planting and cover crops.
- Tom D. stated that the WPS Farm Show had good attendance and that having a staffed booth at the show was very beneficial.
- Tom D. passed out copies of the DATCP April report for LCC review.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the LWCD was still working on the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance revisions. The LWCD will also review a new LWMO template provided by DATCP to assure Winnebago County's is legal.
- Tom D. shared that the LWCD responded to a manure runoff complaint in the Towns of Nekimi and Utica. The issue occurred on a farm located in both towns.

Chairman's Report:

No report was given.

Business Items:

USDA Wildlife Services 2015 Activities Report

Barry Benson, USDA WS presented on the interesting wildlife issues he addressed and the beneficial wildlife programs he supported in 2015. The LCC thanked Barry for his fine report and invited him back in the future to share his work whenever new things were happening.

Review and Approve the 2017 Joint DATCP/DNR Non-point Source Grant Application

Tom D. reviewed the application with the LCC. Following a brief discussion, a Bohn/Kriescher motion to approve the application as presented and submit it to DATCP passed 5-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC discussed the new additions to the project list.

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 Sheet, a Kriescher/Zentner motion to approve \$2,000.00 for UWO for a shoreland restoration project passed 5-0.

A Kriescher/Bohn motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. passed 5-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder