

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2017

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

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

Present: **LCC Members:** Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Larry Kriescher, Guy Hegg and Tom Snider.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Chad Casper and Andrew Maracini, LWCD

Others Present: John Fink, County Executive Assistant and Rhonda Vande Hey, FSA

Absent: Nancy Barker and 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 April 6, 2017 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Snider/Bohn motion was made to approve the minutes. During discussion Tom Snider called out a spelling error to be corrected. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed 4-0-1 (Farrey abstained).

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom D. announced that Paul Knier plead “not guilty” to the citation for the overflow of his manure storage facility. The next court date was set for May 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
- Tom D. distributed the LWLWCA Spring /May meeting packet and asked all LCC members to contact the LWCD office on or before May 9, 2017 regarding their attendance.
- Tom D. passed out the DATCP April Report for LCC review.
- Tom D. shared with the LCC that the Winnebago Waterways Kick-off Celebration held on April 27, 2017 at “The Waters” in Oshkosh was very well attended and very well received by the public.

Chairman’s Report:

Chairman Farrey made no report.

Business Items:

Review and Approve or Disapprove Proposed Cost Sharing Changes on Well Abandonments Funded by the Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program

Tom D. explained the reasons for the changes and reviewed the revisions made based on the comments from the April 6, 2017 LCC meeting. Tom D. explained that to limit the well abandonment program to single or two family homes would disqualify wells located in farm fields and other outlying areas that might be a resource concern. Tom D. went on to explain that to address the ownership issues brought up at the previous meetings, and to better define which properties are not eligible, the term “public” was added along with municipal and commercial property wells. The related program requirement would be revised to read as follows; “The well must be privately owned, it cannot be a municipal, public or commercial property well.” The LCC specifically defined the term “public” in this instance to mean; properties that are open to the public, are regularly frequented by the public and would generally be considered a public facility or property. Some examples of these properties would be theaters, museums, churches, certain health care facilities, organizational facilities and public and private parks. Following the discussion, a Snider/Bohn motion to approve the revisions for implementation in the program passed 4-0-1 (Farrey abstained).

Report on the Winnebago County Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) Onsite Evaluation Conducted by the WDNR on April 12, 2017

Andrew Maracini and Tom D. reviewed the details of the MS4 onsite evaluation conducted by the WDNR. Andrew discussed the list of items identified by the WDNR that need to be addressed going forward. Andrew described the schedule of compliance he designed to use in the report to WDNR and to keep the process on track. Andrew and Tom D. provided comment on the overall process and answered questions. Tom D. commented on the great job Andrew has done as the lead staff on the process. The LCC thanked Andrew for his good work and fine report.

Review and Discuss the Draft “Illicit Discharge Ordinance” Required for the Winnebago County MS4

Andrew Maracini and Tom D. provided the background information regarding the required ordinance. Chairman Farrey identified several items of concern in the ordinance. Chairman Farrey stated the he would like to meet with the Towns that connect to the Winnebago County MS4 to get their input. Chairman Farrey informed the LCC that he will set up the meeting. Chairman Farrey also provided the LCC members a copy of the Town of Vinland’s “Illicit Discharge Control” ordinance for comparison.

The LCC took a five minute recess from 10:13 a.m. to 10:18 a.m.

Report on the Lower Fox River Watershed (LFR) TMDL Implementation Project

Tom D. reviewed a letter sent to the priority landowners in the LFR. Tom D. explained that cropland inventory would resume now that the weather was improving. Tom D. reminded the LCC that Farmland Preservation Program cropland monitoring is also required after the planting season.

Report on the Winnebago Waterway Program (WWP)

Chad Casper reported on the WWP “Kick-off” Celebration event and the status of the WWP to date. Chad invited the LCC members to join one of the focus groups being formed to provide input on the lake management plan. Chad explained that the next major item to complete was the “Tri-County Agreement” between Winnebago, Calumet and Fond du Lac counties.

Discuss the Draft “Tri-County Agreement” between Winnebago, Calumet and Fond du Lac Counties and the Associated Draft Resolution to Support the Winnebago Waterway Program Coordinator Position and Form a Winnebago Lakes Preservation Committee

Chairman Farrey opened the discussion on the “Agreement” by identifying items that were of concern to him. Vice Chairman Snider commented on several items as well. John Fink informed the LCC that several revisions had been made and were being recommended by the other counties. Tom D. provided the most recent version of the “Agreement” for the LCC to review. Tom D. informed the LCC that their concerns would be summarized and provided to the County Executive. Due to the changes occurring within the “Agreement”, Chairman Farrey directed that this agenda item be placed on the June 1, 2017 LCC meeting agenda for further review and discussion.

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

There were no CSAs to approve. The LCC took no action.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed the list and discussed the new additions.

A Snider/Hegg motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. passed 5-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder