

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2019

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:** Steve Binder, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon, Ben Joas, and Roger Zentner

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Chad Casper, Sheila Smith, Andy Maracini, and Mike Haase

Others present: Nick Wyers, Glacierland RC & D, Jessica Schultz and Korin Doering, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) and Brian Schuh, Ducks Unlimited

Absent: Tom Snider and Bruce Bohn, both excused in advance

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 4, 2019 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Binder/Gordon motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom Davies informed the LCC that the WLWCA dues were \$2,036.00 for 2020, which is an increase of \$29.00 over 2019.
- Tom Davies reported that landowner meetings regarding the MDV program funds would be held at the Black Wolf Town Hall this summer once all WDNR requirements had been satisfied.
- Tom Davies announced that the Land and Water Resource Management Plan revision process was moving forward and that the creation of the various advisory committees was almost complete. Davies assured the LCC that they would be heavily involved with the revision process.
- Tom Davies informed the LCC that the first Fox-Wolf Demo Farm Network field day had been held on June 5, 2019 and that Sheila Smith and John Thompson, UW Extension had attended.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey, along with Steve Binder, reported on the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association (LWLWCA) meeting held in Waupaca County on May 31, 2019. Both were very pleased with the meeting content. Binder shared that he opposed reducing the number of LWLWCA meetings from three down to two. Binder stated that he learned a lot at the sessions and found it a good way to network with other LCC members in neighboring counties.

Business Items:

Presentation-Nick Myers, Glacierland RC & D, "Summer Grazing Pasture Walks"

Myers presented on the upcoming "Rotational Grazing Pasture Walk" at the Saxon Homestead Farm in Manitowoc County on July 10, 2019. Myers encouraged the LCC members to attend and learn about grazing. The LCC thanked Myers for his fine presentation.

Progress Report/Update on the Winnebago County Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4)

Permit

Andy Maracini provided a complete summary of events regarding the completion of the County MS4

Stormwater Plan approval process with WDNR. Maracini also reported on other educational programs being provided via the Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium (NEWSC).

Discuss Minor Revisions to the Winnebago County Livestock Waste Management Ordinance to Address Changes to Current Applicable Technical Standards

Tom Davies and Sheila Smith reviewed the reasons for the proposed changes. Following a detailed discussion Chairman Farrey requested a revised version be presented for discussion at the July 3, 2019 LCC meeting.

Progress Report/Update on the Winnebago Waterways Program

Jessica Schultz and Korin Doering reported on the current status of the Lake Management Plan (LMP). Schultz also discussed and reviewed a draft copy of the 2020 Agreement/Contract for LMP implementation services between FWWA and the three partnering counties. Following detailed discussion Chairman Farrey offered some suggestions and strongly recommended that the contract be a four year agreement in order to provide enough time for Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) staff to secure grants and begin plan implementation. The other committee members were very supportive of the four year contract recommendation. FWWA will make the revisions to the contract and provide a revised draft for LCC review and approval at their July 3, 2019 meeting. The LCC thanked Schultz and Doering for their fine work and report.

Discuss Cost-Share Rates for Ag Performance Standards and TMDL Projects in the Multi-Discharge Variance (MDV) Funding Areas

Tom Davies discussed offering supplemental cost-sharing to landowners that are willing to do “second level” projects beyond the required Ag Performance Standards that will achieve additional sediment and phosphorus reductions and move them closer to meeting the TMDL requirements. Davies explained that the current cost-share rates were adequate for current BMPs but supplemental funding for added effort by the landowners could greatly improve the likelihood of participation and project installation actually happening. The LCC was very supportive of the proposal and thought it necessary in these tough economic times.

Note: Julie Gordon excused herself from the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Discuss New Concerns and Issues with LWCD Designed Livestock Waste Storage Facilities and Transfer Systems

Tom Davies and Mike Haase reviewed the concerns regarding the new NRCS engineering approval requirements for Livestock Waste Storage Facilities and Transfer Systems. Davies and Haase shared that many counties have discontinued designing these structures and currently advise the applicant to acquire a professional engineer to design the structure. Following good discussion, Davies stated that he will gather more information before bringing a proposal to the LCC for their consideration.

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

Following a review of the CSAs and the projects being installed, a Farrey/Joas motion to approve \$13,000.00 for DU-Wetlands America Trust Inc. for a multi-wetland restoration project and \$473.00 for the Lorraine Stenerson Rev. Tst. for a well abandonment passed 4-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Joas/Zentner motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. passed 4-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder