

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)
Meeting Minutes of July 6, 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 (arrived 9:36 a.m.), Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Chad Casper, LWCD

Absent: none

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 June 1, 2017 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Bohn/Snider motion to approve the minutes passed 4-0-1 (Kriescher abstained).

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom D. shared that Nancy Barker had officially resigned as a county board supervisor on June 1, 2017. Tom D. stated he would continue working on the proposed “Nancy Barker Educational Garden” as a tribute to Nancy’s dedicated service to the county.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the 2018 budget process was in full swing and it was going to have a few more challenges than in past years. Chairman Farrey asked to have the “draft budget” on the August 3, 2017 LCC meeting agenda.
- Tom D. reviewed the need to upgrade some of the computers within the department in order for technical staff to be able to fully utilize the new LiDAR data and AutoCAD together. Tom D. stated he might be bringing some budget transfers to the LCC for approval later in the year to start the process of replacing computers.
- Tom D. passed out the DATCP June Newsletter for the LCC to review.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the department had submitted a contribution agreement reimbursement request to NRCS for \$4,250.00 for work done in the Lower Fox River watershed.

Chairman’s Report:

Chairman Farrey reported that the Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) amendment process was complete and a public hearing would be held prior to the P & Z Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m., on August 4, 2017. Chairman Farrey stated that the final draft of the FPP is not expected to be approved by the State of Wisconsin. Chairman Farrey shared that he was pursuing legislative actions to get the FPP approved.

Business Items:

Report on the Lower Fox River Watershed TMDL Implementation Project

Tom D. and Chad C. shared some of the new projects that were identified during the cropland inventory conducted by Sheila Smith. Tom D. and Chad C. also reported on one projected located on land owned by the Outagamie County Airport.

Report on the Winnebago Waterway Program

Chad Casper reported on the newly formed “Technical Teams” and the focus of their discussions. Chad also shared some information on the public “Focus Groups”.

Review and Approve the Final Draft of the “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 reviewed the revisions requested by the LCC and shared his satisfaction with the document. Tom D. shared his involvement to secure the requested changes in the final version of the agreement. A Snider/Kriescher motion to approve the Tri-County Agreement as presented and send it to the County Board for approval passed 5-0.

Chairman Farrey called for a brief recess from 10:13 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Discuss the Proposed Illicit Discharge Ordinance

The LCC and LWCD staff reviewed and discussed some of the concerns brought forward by local town’s officials and LCC members. Following the review and revisions recommendations it was decided by consensus to create an edited version with the suggested revisions and to keep the original version. The LCC asked to have both versions available at the August 3, 2017 LCC meeting. To keep the approval process moving and get the ordinance to the Highway Committee for their review and approval as soon as possible, the LCC instructed Tom to have the August 3, 2017 LCC meeting agenda item read: “Review and Approve the proposed Illicit Discharge Ordinance”. Tom stated he would oblige.

Discuss the Ducks Unlimited (DU) Engineering Services Grant Opportunity

Tom D. and Chad C. discussed the grant project and the services provided to DU for the payment of \$20,000 over two years. Tom D. explained that the funds would be used to purchase needed survey equipment, one unit in 2017 and the other in 2018, if the funds allowed. Tom D. explained that the LCC, Personal and Finance Committee and the County Board would all need to approve the grant/budget adjustment in order for the LWCD to accept the grant. Tom stated he would keep the LCC informed and involved as things progress with the grant paperwork.

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

Following a review of the summary sheet and project information a Bohn/Hegg motion to approve \$2,088.00 for the Vicky and Gary Cram/Herb Treu wetland restoration project and \$3,474.00 for the Katherine Treu Rev. Trust wetland and grassed waterway project passed 6-0.

Discuss the Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) for Phosphorus Program

Tom D. reviewed the MDV program with the LCC. Tom D. explained that participation will have its pros and cons and the LCC would be instrumental in helping determine if the LWCD should commit to the program. Tom D. informed the LCC that a decision must be made by December 31, 2017. Davies stated that local sanitary districts wanting to participate will need to wait until their WDNR permit is up for renewal. Davies informed the LCC that the WDNR was going to conduct informational meetings to provide much needed information to the counties and that the LCC would receive a full report as soon as possible.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed the new additions to the project list.

A Zentner/Hegg motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder