

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2018

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 8:01 a.m.

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

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Andrew Maracini, Chad Casper, Mike Haase and Melanie Leet

Others present: None

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 July 5, 2018 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Bohn/Gordon motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 7-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom Davies informed the LCC that Lynette Hein would be on medical leave until August 8, 2018.
- Tom Davies notified the LCC that the Winnebago County Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) had been extended until Dec 31, 2019. Davies explained that the extension would allow current FPP participants to receive tax credits for tax year 2018 and 2019.
- Tom Davies shared that the new survey equipment would be arriving the week of August 6, 2018.
- Tom Davies read a prepared announcement from Rhonda Vande Hey, FSA.
- Tom Davies mentioned that the LWCD had a booth at the County Fair and thanked Melanie Leet and Lynette Hein for their efforts with the display.
- Tom Davies informed the LCC that there was a regional effort underway to create a Demo Farms Network in the Upper Fox and Wolf River Watersheds partnering multiple counties and NRCS.
- Tom Davies notified the LCC that the Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) funding would be available in 2019 and that Winnebago County LWCD would need to enroll again in December 2018 to be eligible for the funds.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey had no report.

Business Items:

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

Following a brief review of the CSA summary, a Snider/Joas motion to approve \$7,866.00 for Shane Kallas to participate in the Soil Health Challenge Program and \$336.00 for Randy Vandersee for a well abandonment passed 7-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed and acknowledged the changes to the project list.

Conduct LCC Educational Tour to View New Equipment and Installed Conservation Practices

The LCC viewed new equipment and multiple conservation practices installed in Winnebago County by the Winnebago County LWCD (a list of the landowners and practices is on file with the minutes). The LCC visited with several landowners at the sites. A lunch break was taken at the Bridge Restaurant in Fremont. The tour and meeting ended back at the Coughlin Center.

A Gordon/Zentner motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder