

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2021 LCC Monthly Meeting

Meeting Room A, James P. Coughlin Center

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

Present: **LCC Members:** Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon, Ben Joas, Karen Powers & Tom Snider

LWCD Staff: Chad Casper

Others present: Chris Acy, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, Merrie Schamberger & Levi Schultz, NRCS

Absent: Roger Zentner & Bruce Bohn

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy:

Chairman Farrey confirmed with Director Casper that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve August 5, 2021 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Gordon/Snider motion to approve the minutes passed 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Director Casper let the LCC know that during an emergent plant survey on Lake Winneconne at a breakwall project, we lost communication with our drone and it ended up in the lake. We were able to recover the drone, but it will need to be replaced.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that Coughlin Center meeting rooms A & B are already reserved on the day of the November LCC meeting. If a large room is not available, a zoom meeting is an option. The LCC will decide once we get closer to the meeting date.
- Director Casper mentioned to the LCC the Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association meeting is being held on 9/24/21 via Zoom.
- Director Casper asked the LCC if they would be interested in signing up for Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farms field days via texting.
- Director Casper informed the LCC that David Zwicky from the Town of Nekimi wants to participate in the Soil Health Challenge Program. This will be brought to the LCC for approval at the October meeting.
- Director Casper let the LCC know that he will have a draft agreement between Winnebago County and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance for the Great Lakes Sediment Reduction Nutrient Program Grant for them to review at the October meeting.
- Director Casper told the LCC that Exec. Doemel has removed the new position request made by the LWCD in the 2022 Exec. Budget. Casper explained that Exec. Doemel is planning to have this as a discussion point for the County Board Budget Meeting to be held in early November.

Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Farrey expressed his support and need for the new position request made in the 2022 LWCD budget.

Business Items:

Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update and Report

Chris Acy, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance gave a presentation highlighting the Aquatic Invasive Species Program work completed in 2020 along with the work completed to date in 2021. The LCC thanked Acy for the informative presentation and all the AIS efforts being done in Winnebago County.

Review and Approve the 2022 Aquatic Invasive Species Cooperative Agreement with Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance

Director Casper explained the 2022 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Cooperative Agreement with the County and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA). Casper informed the LCC that the contract allows the County to designate FWWA to coordinate the AIS efforts within the county. The LCC suggested an increase to the current AIS Coordinator salary to help retain quality employees within FWWA. Following a review of the contract, a Snider/Gordon motion to approve the AIS Cooperative Agreement for 2022 passed 5-0.

Review and Approve the LWCD Program Requirements for the Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program Grant

Director Casper again reviewed the proposed Great Lakes Sediment & Reduction Program (GLSNRP) Grant and the LWCD proposed requirements for promoting soil health practices in the Town of Dale-Rat River Watershed. Casper let the LCC know that according to FWWA, the proposed cost-share rates are supported by the GLSNRP grant people. Following a discussion of the proposed requirements, a Snider/Powers motion to approve the LWCD Program Requirements for the Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program Grant passed 5-0.

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 a Gordon/Joas motion to approve \$500.00 for the Alpha Prime Inc. well abandonment project, \$250.00 for the Christopher & Andrea Koth rain garden project and \$460.43 for the Daniel G. Braun well abandonment project passed 5-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Powers/Snider motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. passed 5-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder