

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2020 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:** Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Julie Gordon, Ben Joas, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

**LWCD Staff:** Chad Casper and Melanie Leet

Others present: None

Absent: Karen Powers

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

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

Approve August 6, 2020 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Gordon/Joas motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 6-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Chad Casper informed the LCC that the 2021-2030 Winnebago County Land & Water Resource Management Plan was approved by the County Board on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Casper let the LCC know that hard copies were mailed to all the Towns and electronic copies were sent to all the contributing committees.
- Chad Casper informed the LCC that we have approximately 375 acres of additional land that is needing to be signed up for Nutrient Management. Casper explained that we would need approximately \$15,000 to cover this shortfall and we will be reaching out to other departments across the state to see if any are willing to transfer their funds into our department.
- Chad Casper mentioned that Congressman Gallagher has advanced the idea of a watershed study for the Fox-Wolf Basin that would have the Army Corps of Engineers do modeling on the watershed to determine where storage should be placed to reduce flooding and improve water quality. Casper informed the LCC that this has passed the house and is waiting for the senate.
- Chad Casper gave the LCC a brief update on the status of the Lake Poygan breakwall project along with the Terrell's Island and Samer's Bay project.
- Chad Casper let the LCC know that the LWLWCA tour was cancelled, but they were still planning to have a virtual meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Chad Casper informed the LCC that the MDV Watershed plan was being worked on and will be submitted to the WDNR within a couple weeks.

Chairman's Report:

No report

Business Items:

Review and Approve the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Contract with Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Chad Casper explained the 2021 AIS Coordinator Contract with the County and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) and handed out the FWWA AIS accomplishments for 2019. Casper explained that the contract allows the County to designate FWWA to coordinate the AIS efforts within the county. The WDNR would then make payments directly to FWWA on behalf of the County. Following a review of the contract, a Snider/Bohn motion to approve the AIS Coordinator Contract for 2021 passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the Resolution requesting County Board approval in Supporting the Implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan Chad Casper informed the LCC members that were not present at the Special Orders Session on September 1<sup>st</sup>, that an overview of the Plan was given to the County Board. Following a brief discussion, a Gordon/Joas motion was made to approve the Resolution for the County Board passed 6-0.

Review and Discuss a 15-year extension for Tim Abraham's current Streamside Vegetative Buffer Agreement along with enrolling some additional acres into the Buffer Program Chad Casper reviewed the current Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Streamside Vegetative Buffer Practice. Melanie Leet then informed the LCC about Tim Abraham's expiring County Streamside Vegetative Buffer contract and recently expired Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) buffer. Leet went on to explain that Abraham was looking to reenroll the Streamside Vegetative Buffer acres into the County Program and enroll a portion of the expired CREP buffer acres into our County Program. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Farrey wanted to be given additional information regarding the current CREP at the October LCC meeting.

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 Bohn/Snider motion to approve \$427.88 for Richard Churchill for a well abandonment passed 6-0

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Snider/Gordon motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. passed 6-0

Chad Casper, Recorder