

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)
Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2017
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:04 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Steve Binder, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey and Larry Kriescher

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Sheila Smith

Others present: Korin Doering and Chris Acy, Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA)

Absent: Guy Hegg, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner, excused

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 August 3, 2017 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Kriescher/Bohn motion to approve the minutes passed 4-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom D. informed the LCC that there were many new attendees at the Soil Health Field Day hosted by Walt and Eric Whiting. Bruce Bohn recommended that a good partnership be maintained with local agri-businesses to help foster the adoption of soil health in the farming community.
- Tom D. notified the LCC that the MS4 modeling grant application submitted to WDNR was currently ranked 17th out of 33 and had a good chance of being awarded.
- Tom D. shared that the Highway Committee had unanimously passed the proposed “Illicit Discharge” ordinance and that it would be on the September 19, 2017 County Board meeting agenda for approval.
- Tom D. passed out the DATCP September Newsletter for the LCC to review.
- Tom D. provided the LCC with the LWLWCA summer meeting information and polled the LCC to find out who wanted to attend. Tom asked that anyone currently not sure if they will attend to contact the LWCD office by September 15, 2017 with their decision.
- Tom D. passed out the revised LCC / LWCD directory to the committee.
- Tom D. announced he would be gone for the October 5, 2017 LCC meeting and asked if the committee wanted to reschedule or keep the date. Tom D. explained that Chad Casper could present the agenda items. Chairman Farrey decided to keep the scheduled date for now and would confer with Tom D. later in September to make the final decision.

Chairman’s Report:

Chairman Farrey had no report.

Business Items:

Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) Organizational Report

Korin Doering and Chris Acy, FWWA presented information on the Winnebago Waterways Program and the Aquatic Invasive Species Program along with other projects currently being conducted by the FWWA. The LCC thanked them for the great report and suggested they present at a Special Orders meeting of the County Board.

Review the Soil Health Challenge Program Applicants and Select a Participant

Tom D. provided the applicants ranking sheets and reviewed the ranking process. Tom D. then located the sites on the Winnebago County map. Tom D. explained that both sites were located on a county road with good visibility and field access. Tom D. also stated that both applicants were proponents of soil health and would be excellent operators to work with in the program. Tom D. recommended that both sites be enrolled into the program. Following a brief discussion a Bohn/Kriescher motion to approve both applicants for participation in the Soil Health Challenge Program passed 4-0.

Report on the Idle Livestock Waste Storage Facilities Notification Process

Tom D. and Sheila Smith reviewed the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance information specific to “Idle Livestock Waste Storage Facilities”. Tom D. and Sheila then reviewed the process that was being used to notify the owners of idle waste storage facilities. Tom D. stated he wanted the LCC to be aware of the effort in case they were contacted by individuals with such facilities. Tom D. and Sheila assured the LCC that no “official” letters would arrive without prior notification to the recipients.

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 Binder/Kriescher motion to approve \$375.00 for Aaron and Billie Jo Martin for a well abandonment passed 4-0.

Report on the Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) for Phosphorus Program

Tom D. reviewed the latest information on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation and the MDV program with the LCC. Tom D. explained that funding from the MDV would be minimal in 2018 but participation made sense in order to learn about the process and get additional funding for projects located in the targeted sub-watershed. Tom D stated that everything hinges on the permit expiration and reissuance date of the municipal sanitary district participants within the Upper Fox/Wolf River watersheds. Tom D. reminded the LCC that a decision must be made by December 31, 2017 whether or not to participate in the MDV program.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed the new additions to the project list.

A Kriescher/Binder motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. passed 4-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder