

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2020 LCC Monthly Meeting

Meeting Room A, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 9:03 a.m.

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

**LWCD Staff:** Chad Casper, Melanie Leet and Andy Maracini

Others present: Amanda Van Buren, Winnebago County FSA & Levi Schultz, NRCS

Absent: Karen Powers & Julie Gordon

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 September 3, 2020 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Snider/Zentner motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Chad Casper passed out the September DATCP report to the LCC for their review.
- Chad Casper informed the LCC that the Request for Proposals (RFPs) were sent out for the Samer's Bay/Terrell's Island Project. The deadline for the RFPs is October 2, 2020 and they will be opened at 2:00 pm.
- Chad Casper let the LCC know that the LWLWCA meeting planned for October 2, 2020 was canceled.
- Chad Casper informed the LCC that we will be exploring the possibility of expanding the JP Coughlin building prairie treatment system project in the future.
- Chad Casper informed the LCC that the 2020 MDV watershed plan was submitted to the WDNR and is awaiting approval.
- Chad Casper let the LCC know that the Resource Conservationist position is posted and the application deadline is October 8, 2020.

Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Farrey expressed to the LCC his concerns of meeting in person with the alarming rise in Covid-19 cases. The LCC agreed and decided to hold the future LCC meetings virtually for the time being.

Business Items:

Review and Discuss the current Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) & the Winnebago County Streamside Vegetative Buffer Practice – LCC & LWCD Staff & Amanda Van Buren, Winnebago County FSA

The LCC was given an overview of the CREP by Amanda Van Buren along with Chad Casper giving an overview of the Winnebago County Streamside Vegetative Buffer Practice. The two buffer programs were compared and discussed by the LCC.

Discuss and Approve the LWCD's continued participation in the Statewide Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance Program

Chad Casper reviewed the MDV funds available based on the associated HUC 8 watersheds. Casper recommended

that the LWCD continue to participate in the Lake Winnebago Watershed to maintain eligibility for the largest amount of cost-share funds. Following a brief discussion, a Joas/Bohn motion was made to approve participation in the MDV program in the Lake Winnebago Watershed passed 5-0.

Progress report/update on the Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System Permit

Andy Maracini provided a report on the County MS4 Permit. Maracini also presented the ARCGIS Survey 123 collector app he created to collect data in the field for the MS4 Permit that results in the LWCD running more efficiently.

Report on the Poygan Breakwall project

Chad Casper gave a report on the status of the Poygan Breakwall project. A drone video presentation was also given to show the LCC the progress made to date.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost-Share Agreements (CSA) to provide funding for eligible projects

There were no CSAs to approve, so the LCC took no action.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Snider/Zentner motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. passed 5-0

Chad Casper, Recorder