

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2018

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

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

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

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Melanie Leet

Others present: Barry Benson, USDA, WS

Absent: Roger Zentner

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 October 11, 2018 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:

- Tom Davies informed the LCC that Bruce Bohn would be unavailable for the first three LCC meetings in 2019.
- Tom Davies reported that Don Himmler's waterway project would be on hold due to unforeseen issues associated with completing the Cost-Share Agreement.
- Tom Davies distributed the draft 2019 LCC Meeting Schedule for review and approval at the December 6, 2018 LCC meeting.
- Tom Davies shared that Brett Helmbrecht, President, Rush Lake Watershed Restoration Inc. had contacted the LWCD to discuss partnering on projects.
- Tom Davies reviewed the Tews wetland restoration project located in the Town of Nepeuskun.
- Tom Davies and Melanie Leet reviewed two potential streambank protection projects. These projects will have cost-share agreements ready for approval at the December 6, 2018 LCC meeting.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey had no report.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the Five Year Cooperative Service Agreement between Winnebago County and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and United States Department of Agriculture, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services for the Implementation of the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program and the Required Resolution for Approval from the Winnebago County Board

Following a review of the program and the Five Year Agreement by Barry Benson and Tom Davies, a Snider/Bohn motion to approve the agreement and required resolution passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the 2018 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Crop Prices to be used to Reimburse the Program Participants for Their Crop Damage and Set the Harvest Cut-Off Date

Barry Benson reviewed the proposed prices and explained their origin. Following a brief discussion, a Binder/Bohn motion to set the crop prices at \$143.21 per ton for Alfalfa, \$3.28 per bushel for field corn and

\$8.90 per bushel for soybeans passed 6-0. Following additional discussion a Joas/Bohn motion to set the harvest cut-off date at December 1, 2018 passed 6-0.

Review and Approve or Disapprove the 2019 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Budget

Barry Benson reviewed the proposed 2019 WDACP budget. Following the discussion a Binder/Joas motion to approve the budget, including participation in the Deer Donation Program, passed 6-0.

Review and Approve LWCD Participation in the 2019 the Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) for Phosphorus Program

Tom Davies reviewed the program and the potential funding amounts available. Davies explained that any contract associated with the program would need to be signed by County Executive Harris and possibly Sue Ertmer, County Clerk. Following good discussion, a Joas/Gordon motion to approve LWCD participation in the MDV program passed 6-0.

Discuss the Regional Upper Fox- Wolf River Demonstration Farms Network

Tom Davies reviewed the potential costs associated with participating in the regional Demonstration Farms Network and potential sources to cover the costs. Davies went on to say that it will be a slow process completing all the necessary agreements and hiring a program manager. Davies assured the LCC they would be kept fully informed as things progress.

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

Tom Davies reviewed the CSA summary with the LCC. Following a brief discussion, a Bohn/Binder motion to approve \$363.00 for Kevin Mraz and \$500.00 for Stephen and Susan Huszar, both for well abandonments, passed 6-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Bohn/Gordon motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder