

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2017

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

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

Present: **LCC Members:** Steve Binder, Bruce Bohn, Guy Hegg (arrived 9:06 a.m.), Larry Kriescher, Tom Snider and Roger Zentner

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies, Andy Maracini and Chad Casper

Others present: Barry Benson, USDA, Wildlife Services (WS) and Rhonda Vande Hey, USDA, FSA

Absent: Chuck Farrey, excused

Confirm Meeting/Agenda has been Properly Public Noticed in Accordance with County Policy:
Vice Chairman Snider confirmed with Tom Davies that the meeting had been properly public noticed.

Approve September 7, 2017 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Bohn/Binder motion to approve the minutes passed 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Tom D. passed out the DATCP October Newsletter for the LCC to review.
- Tom D. provided the LCC information from Sarah Adkins, WDNR regarding the “New Riprap Legislation Exemption”.
- Rhonda Vande Hey, USDA, FSA provided information regarding current programs.

Chairman’s Report:

There was no report.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the 2017 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, USDA, WS reviewed the proposed crop prices. Following discussion a Hegg/Bohn motion to set the prices as follows; Alfalfa hay \$108.77/ton, Corn grain \$3.24/bushel and Soybeans \$8.94/bushel, passed 6-0. Following discussion on the current status of the harvest season for program participants a Hegg/Bohn motion to set the “Harvest Cut-Off Date” at November 30, 2017 passed 6-0.

Review and Approve or Disapprove the 2018 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Budget

Following a review and discussion of the proposed 2018 WDACP budget a Hegg/Kriescher motion to approve the budget as presented passed 6-0.

Review and Approve or Disapprove a Letter of Intent to Participate in the 2018 Deer Donation Program

Following a review and discussion of the Deer Donation Program a Bohn/Hegg motion to approve participation in the 2018 Deer Donation Program passed 6-0.

Status Report on the Winnebago County Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4)

Andy Maracini provided an update on the MS4 Permit compliance efforts completed by the MS4 team to date and outlined the key things that still needed to be accomplished to achieve compliance with the permit.

Report on the Winnebago Waterways Program

Chad Casper and Steve Binder provided information regarding the first Tri-County Committee meeting. Casper also reviewed the work being done by the technical committees and provided an article from the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance website highlighting the completion of the Tri-County Agreement and promoting the efforts of the Winnebago Waterways Program.

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

Tom Davies reviewed the current status of the MDV program. Davies explained that Winnebago County should enroll even with limited funds available in order to become familiar with the program and to set the stage for future work in the Upper Fox/Wolf River watersheds. Davies stated he would place this item on the December 7, 2017 LCC meeting agenda for approval to participate in the MDV Program in 2018. The LCC concurred.

Progress Report and Discussion on the “Nancy Barker Educational Garden” Signage

Tom Davies reviewed the proposed signage and written recognition for Nancy Barker. The LCC was very supportive of the recommendation. Tom Snider will take the proposal to the UWEX Committee for review and approval. Davies stated he would bring it back to the LCC in December for final approval.

Status Report on the Ducks Unlimited (DU) Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Grant

Tom Davies explained that the \$20,000.00 subcontract from DU for the work on phase two of the Poygan Breakwall Project needed to be revised and that none of the revenue would be realized in 2017. Davies explained that the contract would contain a list of deliverables with payment upon completion. Most of the funds would be received in 2018 with the balance in 2019. Davies went on to explain that a LWCD budget adjustment would need to be made in 2018 to accommodate the revenue. The LCC agreed with the proposed plan.

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 and discussion a Bohn/Hegg motion to approve \$4,845.00 for Albright Brothers and \$9,690.00 for Jay Page both for the Soil Health Challenge Program, and \$4,592.00 for Kenneth Hahn for a shoreline protection project, and \$469.00 for John Schmidt, \$378.00 for Bruce Simon, \$239.00 for Becky Siegrist and \$500.00 for Timothy Carr, all for well abandonments passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the 2018 Draft LCC Meeting Schedule

Following a review and discussion of the proposed schedule, a Kriescher/Hegg motion to approve the schedule as presented passed 6-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed the new additions to the project list.

A Binder/Kriescher motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder