

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2020 LCC Monthly Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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, Karen Powers & Tom Snider

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

Others present: Steve Krueger, USDA Wildlife Services

Absent: Roger Zentner

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/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 draft 9KE Plan draft was completed by FWWA and is currently under review. A presentation by Jessica Schultz from FWWA will be given at the December LCC meeting.
- Chad Casper informed the LCC that the Request for Proposals (RFPs) were resent out for the Samer's Bay/Terrell's Island Project and several contractors provided RFPs for the project.
- Chad Casper informed the LCC that the Poygan Breakwall project was getting close to completing phase 2.
- Chad Casper let the LCC know that we will be reaching out to other counties for additional DATCP funds for nutrient management plan cost-sharing and will bring this budget transfer to the LCC in December.
- Chad Casper informed the LCC that the poster contest judging may be done virtually this year.
- Chad Casper informed the LCC that the 2021 LWCD budget was approved by the County Board.
- Chad Casper let the LCC know that the Melanie Leet was promoted to the Resource Conservationist position and that the Conservation Technician position was posted and the application deadline is November 12, 2020.
- Chad Casper let the LCC know that the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan was approved by the WDNR and grants were being submitted for implementation.

Chairman's Report:

- There was no report.

Business Items:

Review and Approve the 2021 Draft LCC Meeting Schedule

Following a brief review of the 2021 LCC schedule, a Gordon/Joas motion to approve the schedule as presented passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the 2020 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Crop Prices to be used to reimburse the program participants for their Crop Damage and set the 90% Harvest Cut-Off Date

Steve Krueger, Wildlife Specialist with the USDA Wildlife Services, reviewed the proposed prices for the different commodities affected by wildlife damage. Following a discussion regarding commodity prices, a Gordon/Joas motion was made to set the following prices: Field Corn/\$3.73 per bushel, Soybeans/\$10.43 per bushel and

Wheat/\$5.51 per bushel passed 6-0. A Joas/Gordon motion to approve the entire 2020 crop price proposal passed 6-0. Following a short discussion, a Bohn/Gordon motion to make the 90% cut-off date December 1, 2020 passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the 2021 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Budget

The LCC had a lengthy discussion on possibly changing the deer processing fee paid from \$55 to \$60 per deer, but wanted to get more information on the average number of deer processed each year and the current processing cost. Steve Krueger plans to look into this request and will get the information to Chad Casper to inform the LCC. Following a review of the proposed USDA and WDNR 2021 DACP budget, a Bohn/Powers motion to approve the proposed DACP budget passed 6-0.

Review and Approve Participation in the 2021 Deer Donation Program

Following a brief review of the 2021 Deer Donation Program by Steve Krueger a Joas/Powers motion to approve participation in the program passed 6-0.

Review and Approve a 15-year extension for Tim Abraham's Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP), Streamside Vegetative Buffer Agreement along with enrolling additional acres into the WQIP

Chad Casper and Melanie Leet summarized the 15-year extension and enrollment of additional acres into the Streamside Vegetative Buffer Agreement for Timothy Abraham. Casper explained that the LWCD would confirm the buffer is installed according to our standards and the agreement would begin in April of 2021 and expire after 15 years. A Bohn/Gordon motion to approve the 15-year extension and enrollment of additional acres into the Streamside Vegetative Buffer Agreement for Timothy Abraham passed 6-0.

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 Joas/Snider motion to approve \$26,100.00 for Timothy Abraham's 15-year Riparian Buffer project, \$3,136.00 for Randy & Cheryl Marx's Shoreline Protection/ Shoreline Habitat Restoration for Developed Areas project & \$1,330.00 for David & Jacqueline Ballwanz's Waterway System project passed 6-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

A Bohn/Snider motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. passed 6-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder