

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2019

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 10:02 a.m.

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

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Chad Casper

Others present: Levi Schultz and Merrie Schamberger, NRCS, Rachel Brookins and Andrew Bubolz, WDNR, Barry Benson, USDA-WS and Heather Wense and Sydney Hackney, UW Oshkosh.

Absent: Steve Binder (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 October 10, 2019 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 Bruce Bohn and Roger Zentner that the 2020 LWCD Budget had been approved by the County Board as submitted.
- Tom Davies reported that the \$21,000 Budget Adjustment for the NRDA Grant funds had been approved by the Personnel and Finance Committee earlier that morning.
- Tom Davies notified the LCC that he would be out of the office November 25 – 29, 2019.
- Tom Davies informed the LCC that he had presented information regarding county drainage rules/authority at the Winchester Town Meeting on October 21, 2019.
- Roger Zentner reported that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) calculated that approximately 31,000 acres of cropland were unplanted in Winnebago County for 2019.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey had no report.

Business Items:

Review the Draft 2020 LCC Meeting Schedule

Following a brief review of the schedule it was recommended by the members present to change the January 2, 2020 LCC meeting to January 9, 2020. The remainder of the schedule would remain as proposed. The revised 2020 LCC meeting schedule will be approved at the December 5, 2019 LCC meeting.

Review and Approve the 2019 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Crop Prices to be Used to Reimburse the Program Participants for Their Crop Damage

Barry Benson, USDA-WS reviewed the proposed prices for the different commodities affected by wildlife. Following discussion regarding current commodity prices a Bohn/Snider motion to set the following prices: Alfalfa Hay \$250.00 per ton, Field Corn \$3.65 per bushel and Soybeans \$8.90 per bushel passed 6-0.

Review and Approve or Disapprove the 2020 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) Budget

Following a brief review of the proposed USDA and WDNR 2020 WDACP Budget by Barry Benson, a Snider/Joas motion to approve the budgets as presented passed 6-0.

Review and Approve Participation in the 2020 Deer Donation Program

Following a brief review of the 2020 Deer Donation Program by Barry Benson, a Gordon/Joas motion to approve participation in the program passed 6-0.

Review and Discuss the Proposed Revisions to the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance (LWMO) and the Associated Ordinance Fact Sheet and Livestock Waste Application Guidance Document (LWAGD)

Tom Davies summarized the previous meetings discussion regarding the LWMO, the Fact Sheet and the LWAGD. Davies reported that it was the opinion of Corporation Council that this ordinance could only be more restrictive than State law with approval by the State, and that the County would have to show that more restrictive rules were necessary in order to meet the Water Quality Goals, which was not possible at the present time. The LCC discussed several additional concerns related to the LWMO and the LWAGD. Tom Davies was instructed to find the definitions of “Saturated Soils” and “Frozen Soils” that are typically used in State code and local rules and provide them at the next meeting when this item will be discussed again.

Discuss and Approve LWCD’s Continued Participation in the Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) Funding Program

Tom Davies reviewed the funds available to Winnebago County based on the associated HUC 8 watersheds. Davies 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 Snider/Gordon motion to approve participation in the MDV program in the Lake Winnebago Watershed passed 6-0.

Review and Discuss the Four Year Winnebago Waterways Program Agreement Between the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago Counties Recently Approved by the Winnebago Waterways Executive Committee

Chairman Farrey reviewed the basic content of the agreement and his involvement at getting it passed by the Winnebago Waterways Executive Committee. Chairman Farrey reminded the members that the Agreement would be on the November 19th, 2019 County Board Meeting agenda for approval. Tom Davies recognized Chairman Farrey’s efforts in getting a four-year agreement approved by the other counties.

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 Bohn/Gordon motion to approve \$1,974.00 for Ken and Barbara Hahn for a Shoreline Protection Project, \$270 for Melissa Jennings and \$500.00 for Michael Savrsnik, both for well abandonments passed 6-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

The LCC reviewed and discussed the new projects on the list with the LWCD staff.

A Zentner/Bohn motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder