

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (LCC)

Meeting Minutes of December 3, 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 & Tom Snider

**LWCD Staff:** Chad Casper and Mike Haase

Others present: Jessica Schultz, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) & Merrie Schamberger, NRCS

Absent: Roger Zentner & Karen Powers

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 November 5, 2020 LCC Meeting Minutes:

A Gordon/Bohn motion to approve the minutes as presented passed 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments.

Announcements:

- Chad Casper informed the LCC that the 2020 MDV Watershed Plan was approved by WDNR.
- Chad Casper let the LCC know that we transferred approximately \$9,600 of additional DATCP funds from Ozaukee County to Winnebago County for nutrient management plan cost-sharing.
- Chad Casper let the LCC know that the Conservation Technician position was posted and interviews were held on December 2, 2020.
- Chad Casper gave the LCC an update on the 2021 Deer Donation Program. Casper informed them that the \$55 deer processing fee covers all the expenses needed. The WDNR will only pay up to \$55 per deer, so anything offered above that would have to be covered by someone else. The Deer Donation Program does not have a cap on the number of deer donations and no deer will be turned away. A budget amendment would be needed if more donations were made than anticipated.

Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Farrey announced that he would be retiring as Town Chairman of the Town of Vinland along with Tom Snider retiring as Town Chairman of the Town of Winneconne.

Business Items:

Report on the Winnebago Waterways Program, Nine Key Element Watershed Plan Draft

Jessica Schultz, FWWA reviewed the draft Nine Key Element Watershed Plan called Healthy Land/Healthy Water. Schultz explained that Winnebago County has 16 HUC12 sub watersheds included in the Plan and detailed reports for each sub watershed show the amount of pollution entering the waterbodies and how much each can handle. There is a reduction target for each HUC12 and the Plan details how we can get there. Schultz went on to explain potentially how much cost-sharing would be needed to meet the goals set in the plan over a 10-year timeframe. The LCC had a lengthy discussion and agreed that the Healthy Land/Healthy Lake Nine Key Element Plan should be brought back to the LCC in the near future for approval.

Approve Authorization for Chad Casper to Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (WCWQIP) Cost-Share Agreements Exceeding \$5,000 for the Remainder of 2020

Chad Casper explained that this is done annually in order to allow for the full execution of cost-share agreements

(CSAs) for the remainder of 2020. Casper stated that a completed CSA is required in order to secure the 2020 funding for any given project and makes it eligible to be carried over into the 2021 LWCD budget. Following a brief discussion, a Bohn/Gordon motion to approve the authorization passed 5-0.

Report on the John Lenz Wetland Restoration Project

Mike Haase gave a report on the John Lenz Wetland Restoration Project highlighting all the conservation benefits the project provides. A drone video was also shown to give the LCC an overview of the project throughout the construction phases.

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/Gordon motion to approve \$500.00 for Julie Ghosh's well abandonment project, \$4,900.00 for Mark & Katie Maynard's Shoreline Protection project, \$5,075.00 for Thomas & Mary Ann Nettekoven's Shoreline Protection project & \$5,705.00 for Edinger Enterprises Critical Area Stabilization project passed 5-0.

Review the LWCD Project List

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

Discuss the 2020 WLWCA Poster Contest Virtual Judging Procedures

Chad Casper informed the LCC that the 2020 WLWCA Poster Contest would be judged virtually this year. Casper explained that e-mails would be sent to all LCC members on December 9<sup>th</sup> with directions on the voting process with the deadline being December 15<sup>th</sup> to vote.

A Snider/Gordon motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. passed 5-0.

Chad Casper, Recorder