

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2009
LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barker at 9:05 a.m.

Present: LCC Members: Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, Chuck Farrey, Sue Locke, John Reinert, Dan Stokes and Bob Warnke.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Keith Marquardt

Others Present: none

Absent: none

Approve August 6, 2009, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Farrey / Reinert motion to approve the August 6, 2009 LCC meeting minutes, passed 7-0.

Announcements:

- Tom announced that Brad Pfaff, the FSA, State Executive Director, had visited the FSA office this week.
- Tom informed the committee about a drainage issue in the Town of Menasha located in the Red Oak Ravine area. Tom explained there was a large amount of sediment being discharged into the Fox and the department was supporting any effort made to rectify the situation.
- Tom notified the LCC of the upcoming DATCP Working Lands Initiative training being held at the Coughlin Center on September 14th, 2009.
- Tom distributed new employee/LCC member directories.
- Tom distributed the WLWCA Thursday Note newsletter.
- Tom informed the LCC that part of the Hunt Against Hunger campaign supported by the Green Bay Packers will support the Deer Donation Program in Wisconsin.
- Tom shared with the LCC that UWEX and LWCD had applied for a MALWEG grant to help landowners cover the cost of soil testing done in conjunction with NMP farmer training.
- Tom informed the LCC that the ACOE annual out flow regulation meeting for the Winnebago System was planned for 9:00am, October 27, 2009 at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI.

Business Items:

Progress/ Status report on the Winnebago County MS4 Permit addressing County Roads

Keith Marquardt reviewed the with LCC the need for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Oshkosh regarding the County roads discharging storm water directly into Oshkosh's storm sewer system. Keith explained he had been trying to get this accomplished starting in 2007 and still had not gotten a response from David Patek, Director, Oshkosh Public Works. Keith went on to explain that he had recently communicated the issue to County Executive Mark Harris and Oshkosh City Manager, Mark Rohloff to see if we can get the situation resolved. Keith also shared that a grant to complete the modeling requirements would be ending in 2009 and we need a completed plan to submit for any Storm Water Construction Grants in 2010 or beyond. The LCC recommended communication to Chairman Albrecht and John Bodner, Corp. Council. Keith and Tom both stated they would pursue a meeting with Mr. Harris to make him aware of the economic impact to the County should additional retention be needed to meet our MS4 permit requirements. The additional expenditures would only be needed if the MOU with Oshkosh cannot be completed.

Progress report on the James Schuster project, 1561 Koro Road, in the Town of Nepeuskun; mitigation of non-permitted concrete structure intended for manure storage

Tom and Keith explained that Schuster's had been awarded an EQIP contract to cost share the new manure storage. This will allow them to construct 9 months of storage instead of the initial size based on 30 days of storage. Tom and Keith explained that the current plan is to design the structure this winter and construct the project next summer. The LCC was glad to hear of the progress and thanked Keith for his efforts. Tom told the LCC he would keep them informed as things progressed and maybe it could be a stop on the next LCC educational tour.

Progress report on the Cory & Dennis Craig Manure Pit Reconstruction Project in the Town of Rushford

Tom reviewed the letter sent to Dennis Craig outlining the project requirements and the timeline for completion of the project components. Tom explained that in order for Dennis stay in compliance with DATCPs requirements he must comply with the project timeline. Tom stated that the projected is scheduled to be completed by mid October. The LCC thanked Tom for the update.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost Share Agreements (CSA) to provide funding for eligible projects

Tom reviewed the four projects and commented on the small amount of funds required to abandon local wells contaminated with arsenic. Tom explained it was a very good return on investment to get the wells closed up at such a low cost. After a brief discussion, a Bohn / Stokes motion to approve \$358.00 for Daniel Knaak and \$220.00 for Sharon O'connell for well abandonments, \$150.00 for the Wild Ones organization for a rain garden, and \$2000.00 for the River Watch Condominiums for a shoreline habitat restoration, passed 7-0.

Approve Agricultural Performance Standards Compliance Notification Letters

Tom reviewed the letter to Bohn Farms Inc. regarding a compliant livestock facility. Tom explained that the LCC approved policy for implementing the Ag-Performance Standards requires that the LCC approve all letters before they are sent or delivered to the landowners. A Farrey / Reinert motion to approve the letter and deliver it to Bohn Farms Inc., passed 6-0-1 (Bruce Bohn abstained).

A Farrey / Reinert motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder