

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2012

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

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

Present: **LCC Members:** Nancy Barker, Paul Eisen, James Englebert, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer and Dan Stokes.

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Bill Shockley

Others Present: Dave Westphal & Clint Piotter, FVTC Students, Debbie Last, Resident, Town of Nekimi and Jake Vande Berg, CED, FSA

Absent: Bruce Bohn, excused

Approve February 2, 2012 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Barker/Englebert motion to approve the February 2, 2012 LCC meeting minutes, passed 6-0

Announcements:

- Tom reminded the LCC that Bruce Bohn was excused from this meeting.
- Tom asked guests Dave Westphal, Clint Piotter and Debbie Last to introduce themselves to the LCC.
- Tom announced that Bill Shockley, LWCD GIS Technician will be leaving in March to work in Madison. Bill informed the LCC that he enjoyed his time at LWCD and thanked them for the opportunity. Bill offered to assist with filling his position in any way possible.
- Paul Eisen and Jim Englebert reviewed the correspondence they sent to Bradley Koele, WDNR regarding payment for wildlife damage on rented land within a municipal boundary where abatement is prohibited.
- Tom distributed the WLWCA "*Thursday Note*" for the LCC to review.
- Tom passed out copies of the 2011 LWCD Annual Report for the LCC to review and comment.
- Jake Vande Berg, FSA, reviewed the programs that were currently offering enrollment or being administered by FSA.

Business Items:

Progress Report on the Stormwater and Erosion Control Program Transfer Back to Planning and Zoning

Tom reviewed the letter and agreement sent to LWCD by P&Z terminating the MOU for issuance and oversight of the Stormwater and Erosion Control Program. Tom explained he was working with P&Z to assure a smooth transition and to assure that customers continue to receive the level of service they've received from LWCD. Tom explained that Brent Jalonon's Construction Site Erosion Control Technician Position would be transferred to P&Z.

Review 2012 Joint Final Allocation Plan for the Soil and Water Management Grant Program

Tom reviewed the allocation plan and explained that LWCD would be receiving approximately \$16,000 less than budgeted for staff support. Tom further explained that with Brent Jalonon's position moving to P&Z the reduced salary expense would offset the loss in grant funds and no additional levy request would be needed. Tom explained that cost-share dollars were at the normal rate.

Approve / Disapprove, 2013 Joint DATCP/DNR Non-point Source Grant Application and the Resolution for Authorization of Acceptance of the 2013 DATCP/DNR Non-point Source Grant
The LCC reviewed the application and resolution. Tom explained it was the annual request for State assistance with staff funding and project cost sharing. Following a brief discussion a Neubauer/ Englebert motion to approve the application and resolution as submitted passed 6-0. Chairman Farrey signed the application for submittal to the State.

Review and Approve Payment of the 2012 WLWCA Membership Dues (\$1920.92)

Tom reviewed with the LCC that the dues are now budgeted in the LWCD's budget at the request of the County Board. Jim Englebert explained that the dues would be the same this year and would likely change once the WLWCA and WALCE merger was finalized. An Englebert/Neubauer motion to pay the 2012 dues passed 6-0.

Review and Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program Cost Share Agreements (CSA) to Provide Funding for Eligible Projects

There were no CSAs and the LCC took no action.

Discuss Current Status of the Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) Revisions

Chairman Farrey explained that the FPP had not been certified by DATCP. He then recapped the events that took place at the County Board meeting on February 28, 2012. Chairman Farrey explained that the plan had been sent back to committee for further action. Chairman Farrey explained to the LCC that the FPP Steering Committee would be reconvened to discuss the plan and what might be done to address DATCP's concerns. Tom shared that major rule changes occurred during the course of plan development and that making landowners aware of the changes might alter their decisions about participation. The main objective will be to maintain the voluntary participation goal and to revise the plan/map in a manner that meets State approval. It was agreed that this will be another contentious challenge for the Steering Committee if FPP is to be preserved in Winnebago County.

An Englebert/Neubauer motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder