

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2013

LWCD Conference Room, James P. Coughlin Center

Convene: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrey at 10:00 a.m.

Present: **LCC Members:** Nancy Barker, Bruce Bohn, James Englebert, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer, Tom Snider and Dan Stokes

**LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies, Chad Casper & Kim Huettl

Others Present: Jake Vande Berg, FSA

Absent: none

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 June 6, 2013 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Neubauer/Barker motion to approve the June 6, 2013 LCC meeting minutes passed 7-0.

Announcements:

- Tom D. introduced Kim Huettl, the new LWCD part-time, limited term technician. Kim introduced herself to the LCC and they returned introduction of themselves.
- Tom D. mentioned that there were two manure storage overflows within the county. One at the Neil Schonscheck farm and the other at the David Kellerman farm. Neither of the discharges reached surface water. Mr. Schonscheck has already been contacted and made aware of the seriousness of the discharge in writing. Mr. Kellerman will also be notified and sent a follow up letter detailing the seriousness of the discharge.
- Tom D. polled the LCC to see who was planning on attending the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 LWLWCA meeting in Waupaca County. Tom D. informed the LCC that the meeting had been properly public noticed. Tom D. also reminded the LCC that they needed permission from Chairman Albrecht to attend.
- Tom D. mentioned an article in the "County Today" newspaper that identified the downfalls of Counties merging Land Conservation Departments with other departments and the negative impact it has delivering conservation to the landowners.
- Tom D. informed the LCC that the LWCD was currently completing their 2014 budget and should be able to stay within the targeted levy.
- Tom D. mentioned several of the impacts of the newly signed State Budget relating to erosion control and storm water rules.
- Chuck Farrey reviewed the Parks Department's newsletter and an article they contributed in the "Wavelength" County newsletter.
- Nancy Barker questioned her fellow LCC members regarding weeds being hand harvested in a particular hay field in Menasha.
- Jake Vande Berg, FSA informed the LCC that 48 CRP offers, affecting 579.2 acres, had been processed with 29 of them already accepted. Jake also mentioned that harvesting of general CRP lands would be allowed this year after August 1, 2013. Landowners that choose to harvest their CRP would be subject to a 25% reduction in payment on those acres.

### Business Items:

#### 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 provided a Neubauer/Barker motion to approve \$326.00 for Lorna Forbes, \$303.00 for David Krause and \$324.00 for Tod Raehl, all for well abandonment projects, passed 7-0.

#### Steering Committee Progress Report on the Winnebago System Management Plan Project

Tom D. reminded the LCC that Chad Casper was approved by the LCC to be the representative for LCC and LWCD on the Lake Winnebago System Management Plan Steering Committee and had already made several reports to the LCC about this project. Chad reviewed the results from the public input process titled "Weigh in on the Winnebago Waterways" that was prepared by the Biodiversity Project Consulting Firm hired by the Steering Committee as the consultant for phase one of the planning project. Chad explained the multiple methods used to gather information from the users of the Winnebago System and reviewed the diverse list of recommendations and issues identified by those users. The LCC discussed the information provided with Chad and Tom D. responding to their questions.

#### Discuss the Phase Two, Lake Winnebago System Management Plan, Lakes Planning Grant Application

Chad Casper reviewed the draft list of objectives created by the Steering Committee that might be identified as the goals in the Phase II Planning Grant application. Chad explained that the Winnebago Lakes Council had come forward to sponsor the Phase II Grant application now that Calumet County had decided not to continue as the lead agency on the project. Chad informed the LCC that the Steering Committee was seeking letters of support for their Phase II Grant application. Following a lengthy discussion, the LCC decided to place the item on the August 1, 2013 LCC meeting agenda and to have Tom D. create a draft letter of support for the LCC to review and act on if they so choose.

A Snider/Barker motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m., passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder