

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes of July 5, 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, Bruce Bohn, James Englebert, Chuck Farrey, Ken Neubauer, Tom Snider, and Dan Stokes

**LWCD Staff:** Tom Davies

Others Present: Mark Harris, Winnebago County Executive, Jake Vande Berg, CED, FSA and Chad Cook, Natural Resource Educator, UWEX

Absent: none

Approve June 7, 2012 LCC Meeting Minutes: A Neubauer/Barker motion to approve the June 7, 2012 LCC meeting minutes, passed 7-0

At this time, Chairman Farrey, with the approval of the LCC members, moved to Business Item E. of the Agenda (Review and Approve/Disapprove the Winnebago System- Lake Planning Grant Application Authorization Resolution) to accommodate the schedules of those individuals attending the meeting to present on Item E.

Business Items:

Review and Approve/Disapprove the Winnebago System- Lake Planning Grant Application Authorization Resolution

Chairman Farrey stated that due to the importance of the resolution and the small amount of time the LCC had to review and contemplate information on the issue, he was only going to allow discussion on the item, and that a vote would not be permitted until a later date/meeting. Chairman Farrey, along with all those present, provided information, asked and answered questions, and shared thoughts and opinions. Following the discussion, it was the consensus of the LCC that additional information was needed and that a LCC meeting should be held on Monday, July 9, 2012, at 9:00am, at the LWCD conference room, to vote on the issue. The July 9<sup>th</sup> date would allow time to get the resolution placed on the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 County Board Agenda, should the resolution be approved by the LCC. Chairman Farrey instructed Tom Davies to provide the requested information and to complete the proper procedures for the meeting.

At this time Chairman Farrey, with concurrence from the LCC members, moved back to the "Announcements" portion of the Agenda and continued with the meeting in its normal progression.

Announcements:

- Tom notified the LCC that Howard Zellmer, long time Chairman of the Marquette County LCC and staunch conservation supporter, had passed away on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Tom informed the LCC that he had sent a card with a note to the Zellmer family on behalf of the LWCD and LCC.
- Tom informed the LCC that the Town of Rushford had approved Pomplun's WDACP fence project that was conditionally approved at the June LCC meeting.

- Tom distributed the WLWCA information requesting ideas for their March, 2013, WLWCA Conference. Tom informed the LCC they could write down their suggestions and bring them to the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 LCC meeting. He would forward them on to the appropriate WLWCA personnel.
- To provide information to the County Board Supervisors on the LCC and others present, Tom shared his extremely positive personal experience when dealing with Robert Stone and the other members of the Winnebago County Veterans Department. Tom added that the understanding, guidance and assistance he received to complete all the necessary paperwork for his mother's application was outstanding.

#### Business Items:

##### Discuss the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association (LWLWCA) Summer Meeting/Tour scheduled for Friday, July 27, 2012 and record those planning to attend

Tom reviewed the meeting information and recorded the names of those planning to attend. Tom reminded all of the attendees to get permission from Chairman Albrecht.

##### Amend the October LCC Meeting Date to Allow LCC Members to attend the 2012 WLWCA Annual Meeting Scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Tom explained that this year, because of the recent merger of WLWCA and WALCE, the WLWCA Annual Meeting was being held concurrently with the County Conservationist meeting held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This will conflict with the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 LCC Meeting. Following a brief discussion, an Englebert/Snider motion to reschedule the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 LCC meeting to October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, passed 7-0.

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

The LCC reviewed the CSAs to be approved. Tom Davies circulated photos of Tom Laudon's Well Abandonment Project and explained that the well was not visible at the surface, and was eventually located 4.5 feet below surface. Because of the extensive exploratory excavation and labor required to locate and properly abandon the well, Tom Davies requested permission to exceed the \$1,000 Cost Share limit for well abandonments on Laudon's project. Following a brief discussion, a Snider/Englebert motion to approve \$2,100.00 for Daryl Jones's shoreland buffer and up to \$1,500.00 for Tom Laudon's well abandonment passed 7-0.

##### Discuss current status of the Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) revisions

Chairman Farrey informed the LCC that DATCP had sent notification that the FPP had been approved and it would become fully certified following County Board approval. The FPP would be valid for five years, expiring on December 31, 2017.

Tom informed the LCC that a letter drafted by LWCD to all 2010 FPP Tax Credit claimants will be sent with the assistance of DATCP. The letter will outline the new rules and the compliance requirements that must be met to be eligible for the FPP Tax Credit.

A Barker/Neubauer motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder