

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2014
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, John Egan, Chuck Farrey, Larry Kriescher, Ken Neubauer and Tom Snider

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Chad Casper

Others Present: none

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 October 2, 2014, LCC Meeting Minutes: A Bohn/Neubauer motion to approve the October 2, 2014, LCC meeting minutes passed 6-0-1 (Kriescher abstained).

Announcements:

- Tom D. distributed DATCP's "October and November-2014 Newsletters" for LCC review.
- Tom D. announced that the LWCD would be working on revising the Livestock Waste Management Ordinance during the winter and would be involving the LCC with the process.
- Tom D. and Chad C. informed the LCC that a regional/unified approach to manure spill response is being explored by the WDNR and the counties surrounding Lake Winnebago.
- Tom D. notified the LCC that due to the wet weather there is a real concern in the area about manure storage facilities not being emptied this fall. The LWCD will be working to locate existing manure storage facilities that are currently empty and still eligible to hold manure. These facilities could be used temporarily to assist farmers that have full manure storage facilities and are not able to spread manure on their land due to current conditions or State rules.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Farrey reported on the issue of "Implements of Husbandry" and a pending County ordinance.

Business Items:

Discuss and Set the 2014 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Harvest Cut-Off Date to be Used to Reimburse the Program Participants for Their Crop Damage

Tom informed the LCC that based on the current level of harvested crops by the program participants, Barry Benson, USDA, WS had recommended December 1, 2014 as the Harvest Cut-Off date. Following a brief discussion a Bohn/Barker motion to approve the December 1, 2014 date passed 7-0.

Review and Approve the 2015 LCC Regular Meeting Schedule

The LCC reviewed the proposed 2015 LCC meeting schedule. Following the review a Kriescher/Neubauer motion to approve the schedule passed 7-0.

Review and Approve NR151/ATCP50 Implementation/Compliance Notification Letters

Tom D. reviewed the Compliance Notification Letters Summary with the LCC. Following the review an Egan/Neubauer motion to approve the letters for mailing to the landowners passed 7-0.

Review and Approve the Sale of LWCD's 1991 Truax No-till Drill and Remaining Parts Inventory to Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) for Educational Activities in the Natural Resources and Ag-Equipment Departments and to Secure Future Availability for Winnebago County Constituents

Tom D. informed the LCC that FVTC had agreed to purchase the drill and the remaining parts. The agreement will also make available planting services to Winnebago County constituents for a reasonable per acre fee. Tom D. explained the he had conferred with both the County's Finance and Purchasing departments and that the sale was in accordance with current County policy and procedures. Tom informed the LCC that the 1991 drill was completely depreciated in 2006. Following a brief discussion a Snider/Barker motion to approve the sale of the drill for the agreed price of \$495.00 and the remaining parts for \$200.00 passed 7-0.

Review and Approve a Draft Letter to Jimmy Bramblett, State Conservationist, NRCS Regarding the EQIP Ranking System for Manure Storage Applications

Tom D. reviewed the letter he was instructed to draft to Jimmy Bramblett, State Conservationist, NRCS regarding the EQIP ranking system for manure storage applications. The LCC discussed the letter and its message and agreed it was well written and conveyed their concerns. A Bohn/Barker motion to approve the letter as written and send it to Mr. Bramblett passed 7-0.

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

Tom D. and Chad Casper reviewed the projects listed on the CSA Summary with the LCC. Following the review and discussion of the projects listed a Bohn/ Barker motion to approve \$10,080.00 for a wetland restoration for Dale Howard, \$5040.00 for a wetland restoration for Howard Borchert, \$20,000.00 for a shoreline protection project for the Poygan Sportsmans Club Inc. passed 6-0-1 (Kriescher abstained). A Bohn/Barker motion to approve \$871.00 for Graig Nielsen, \$515.00 for Vin Qualley, \$336.00 for Lorraine Noffke and \$521.00 for Douglas & Kathy Jarmusz all for well abandonments passed 7-0

A Neubauer/Barker motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. passed 7-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder