

WINNEBAGO COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of December 6, 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 and Tom Snider

LWCD Staff: Tom Davies and Mike Haase

Others Present: Tom Vanden Elzen, Forester, WDNR

Absent: Dan Stokes, excused

Approve October 11, 2012 LCC Meeting Minutes: An Englebert/Barker motion to approve the October 11, 2012 LCC meeting minutes passed 6-0

Announcements:

- Tom introduced Mike Haase, the newly hired LWCD Conservation Technician. Mike provided information about himself and his work experience followed by the LCC introducing themselves.
- Tom reported that the concerns expressed by Jim Englebert and Tom Snider regarding the WLWCA's annual meeting had been communicated to Jim VandenBrook, WLWCA and would be addressed.
- Tom distributed the WLWCA "*Thursday Note*" for the LCC to review.
- Tom informed the LCC that the Agronomist Position was not filled and would be re-posted.
- Tom explained to the LCC that Chad Casper, Resource Conservationist, would be on the Winnebago System Lakes Grant Committee for Winnebago County LWCD. Chairman Farrey informed the LCC that the grant had been discussed at the Winnebago Lakes Council meeting held in Winneconne.

Business Items:

State Forestry Programs and Issues Report

Tom Vanden Elzen reported on the current status of the Emerald Ash Borer, the Gypsy Moth, and the Managed Forest Law Program. Tom also reviewed the Woodland Management Conference and the WDNR Tree Sale. The LCC thanked Mr. Vanden Elzen for his fine presentation.

Review and Approve the 2012 USDA Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program (WDACP) Harvest Cut-Off Date

Tom explained that Barry Benson, USDA Wildlife Services, had informed LWCD that all claimants had completed harvest and their claims had been processed. Based on this information, a Barker/Englebert motion to set December 6, 2012 as the 2012 WDACP harvest cut off date, passed 6-0.

Review and Approve the 2013 LCC Meeting Schedule

Following a brief review and discussion a Snider/Neubauer motion to approve the 2013 LCC Meeting Schedule as proposed, passed 6-0.

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 a Neubauer/Englebert motion to approve \$515.00 for Marlene Lamotte, \$329.00 Jason Denzer, \$840.00 for Scott Mugerauer, \$392.00 for Alice Littlefield, and \$522.00 for Robert Balda, all for well abandonments, passed 6-0.

Approve Authorization for Tom Davies to Approve Winnebago County Water Quality Improvement Program (WCWQIP) Cost Share Agreements (CSAs) Exceeding \$5,000 of County Funding for the Remainder of 2012

Tom explained that this authorization was standard procedure to ensure that WCWQIP CSAs could be completed and approved before December 31, 2012. This authorization would allow the use of existing funds to cost share projects. Following a brief discussion an Englebert/Neubauer motion to approve the authorization for Tom Davies, passed 6-0

Review and Approve the County-State CREP Contract Amendment/Extension

Tom explained that the State Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) had again provided an extension to the CREP contract that would allow it to continue beyond the January 31, 2013 end date. The extension would be valid as long as the CREP was included in the next USDA Farm Bill and would eliminate the need to complete a whole new contract. Following a brief discussion, a Snider/Neubauer motion to approve the extension, passed 6-0.

A Barker/Neubauer motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15a.m., passed 6-0.

Tom Davies, Recorder