

Agenda
Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC)
"Working Together to Protect & Enhance the Environment"
Jefferson County Courthouse, 311 S Center Ave, Rm 112
Jefferson, WI 53549-1701
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 ~ 8:00 am

Committee Members: Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, Ed Morse, Carlton Zentner

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Review of the December Agenda
5. Review and Approval of the November 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes
6. Citizen Comments (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
7. Communications
 - Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) December 2014 Report
8. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report (NRCS)
9. Departmental Electronic Newsletter Update
10. Electrical Power for 6 Bay Garage Storage Update
11. Annual Department Vehicle Use Report
12. Cropland at the Highway Shop Update
13. Hoard's Dairyman Facility Update
14. Notice of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
15. Cancellation of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
16. Monthly Financial Report
17. Set Next Meeting (Tntv January 21, 2015 or cancel January meeting as is historical practice) and Possible Agenda Items
18. Adjournment

Note: If committee members are not able to attend please notify the LWCD

The committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda. Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101 24 hours prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes November 19, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Matt Foelker at 8:05 am. Committee members Frank Anfang, Matthew Foelker, Peter Hartz, Ed Morse, and Carlton Zentner were present. Also in attendance were Mark Watkins, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Patricia Cicero, LWCD; and Dennis Vollmer, NRCS.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of the November Agenda:

The November agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

5. Review and Approval of the October 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Frank Anfang made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as written, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

6. Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) November Report. See attached.

8. Water Resources Update - Patricia Cicero (LWCD):

See attached. Patricia Cicero spoke to the committee about the specifics of her position and included a fact sheet.

9. Lake Planning Grant and Authorizing Resolution - Rock Lake Shore Land Survey - Patricia Cicero (LWCD):

A lake planning grant application & resolution for Rock Lake was presented to the committee. See attached. The grant is from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Peter Hartz made a motion to forward the application and resolution to the DNR, Frank Anfang seconded. Motion carried 4/1.

10. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

Dennis Vollmer discussed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. See attached

11. Electrical Power for 6 Bay Garage Storage:

Mark Watkins spoke to the committee in regard to the need for electrical power for the 6 bay garage the LWCD uses for tree planter storage, etc.

Peter Hartz made a motion to get a quote for the electrical work first, before committing to the work, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

12. Cropland at the Highway Shop Update:

Mark Watkins informed the committee that there are no changes at this time and we're still waiting to see the highway shop footprint.

13. 2014 Cost Share Contracts Report:

Mark Watkins distributed the 2014 Cost Share Report. See attached.

14. Notice of Noncompliance with Soil and Water Conservation Requirements – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

Jeffery & Yvonne Becker, Philip & Dea Creanza, Eva Diestelmann, Matthew Ellers, Ronald Gaulke, Laverne & Lynn Georgson, David Hubbard, Charles & Diane Jaquith Jr, Robert Lewein, John Navine, Gary, David & Norman Paust, John Pfinder, Nels Rasmussen Trust (Rita Rasmussen), James Reu and D&L Shoot, LLC.

Frank Anfang made a motion to accept the notices, Peter Hartz seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

15. Cancellation of Noncompliance – Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):

None at this time.

16. Monthly Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) Financial Report:

The most recent statements of revenues and expenditures were distributed. See attached.

17. Set next meeting and possible agenda items:

It was decided by the members that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on December 17, 2014 at 8:00 in Room 112. Possible agenda items include: Item # 11, # 12, # 14 - 16

18. Adjournment

Frank Anfang made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 am, Ed Morse seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

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DATCP REPORT

December 2014

Soil and Water Resource Management Grants

- Any 2014 SWRM project that won't be complete this year must be carried over to 2015. Therefore, extension requests ([Form 200¹](#)), along with the signed cost-share contract, are due to DATCP by **December 31st**.

Land and Water Resource Management Plans and Ordinances

- At its December 2nd meeting, the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board recommended approval of the Langlade County Land and Water Resource Management plan. They also recommended approval of 5-year extensions for Portage, Burnett, Kewaunee, and Vernon counties.
- In 2015, 24 counties are scheduled to appear before the LWCB for plan revisions or extensions. DATCP will contact these counties before January to discuss scheduling, as there are only 6 LWCB meetings in 2015 and limited opportunities to present to the board.

Nutrient Management

- The Quality Assurance Team (QAT) completed review of nutrient management plans developed by farmers and agronomists throughout Wisconsin in 2014. Results have been compiled and can be viewed on the [DATCP website²](#) in early December.

Farmland Preservation

- DATCP recently certified farmland preservation ordinances for the Village of Hobart (Brown County), Village of Dane (Dane County), Town of Vinland (Winnebago County), Town of Friendship (Fond du Lac County), Town of Scott (Brown County), Town of Glenmore (Brown County), and Town of Waupun (Fond du Lac County)
- DATCP recently certified farmland preservation plans for Waupaca County, Dane County (amendment), and Shawano County (amendment).
- The request for petitions for designation of Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEAs) was recently announced. The deadline for completed petitions is April 30th, 2015. Contact Coreen Fallat at Coreen.Fallat@wisconsin.gov with questions about the AEA petition process and requirements.

Livestock Facility Siting

- The Livestock Facility Siting Technical Review Committee met on Wednesday, November 18th to provide technical advice on nutrient management planning issues. The next committee meeting is scheduled for **December 19th** and will focus on nutrient management and the odor standard.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- On June 9th, CREP was authorized for FSA to approve new CREP contracts. FSA County Offices, County Conservation Departments, and DATCP have been working to enroll producers and landowners since that date following the adjusted CREP eligibility requirements and guidelines. In September, FSA National Office clarified that authority for CREP will continue until Sept 30th, 2018.
- FSA policy on CREP Signing Incentive Payments (SIP) for expiring CRP land and changes the CREP eligibility of land with Reed Canary Grass have also been clarified by FSA. The Federal SIP of \$100 per acre on WI CREP is not available for "Land that is currently under contract or has expired and the cover has been maintained" per FSA guidelines. Reed canary grass may no longer stand in the way of enrolling land into CREP. Landowners requesting to re-enroll CRP land into

¹ http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/SWRM_Grant_Program_Working_Manual/

² http://www.privacy.wi.gov/Farms/Nutrient_Management/

CREP Filter Strips and Wetland Restorations are allowed when the original vegetation seeded is now dominated by Reed Canary Grass and the contract is compliant with the specific conditions.

Outreach and Training Events

- Soil, Water, and Nutrient Management meetings will be held **December 2nd through December 11th** at eight locations across the state. Current soil science research will be highlighted along with other topics of interest to agronomists, ag retailers, conservation professionals, and farmers. Session dates and locations can be found on the UW's [website](#)³.
- Statewide Interagency Training Committee (SITCOM) teams will meet during the month of December to discuss trainings offered in 2014, and determine training priorities for 2015. The teams focus on four different areas of conservation training including: Professional Development, Program & Policy, Engineering, and Nutrient Management.
- In November, DATCP and American Farmland Trust hosted a webinar about Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs. Presenters included representatives from AFT and Wisconsin towns that adopted TDR programs who discussed the process to adopt a TDR ordinance. View the recorded webinar [here](#)⁴.
- The Conservation Professional Training (CPT) program recently launched a new [website](#)⁵ to streamline course registration and provide information and resources to conservation professionals. Sign up today to take advantage of the many new conservation training tools and resources!
- SITCOM developed a newsletter that combines upcoming training opportunities from various agencies, local governments, and nonprofit organizations into one bulletin. To sign up to receive the newsletters, contact Christina at: Christina@wisconsinlandwater.org.

Staff Updates

- On Monday, December 1st, Lindsay Tekler joined the Bureau of Land and Water Resources to work with the Agricultural Impact Statement Program. Lindsay comes to DATCP with a great deal of experience working on surveys and environmental impact assessments for utility projects in Wisconsin and Illinois. Lindsay is a graduate of UW-Superior, and former intern of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Welcome, Lindsay!

Other Updates

- The Agricultural Impact Statement for the North Appleton to Morgan Transmission Line project will be published on December 10th. This project would see the construction of one 345 kV transmission line and one 138 kV transmission line on two separate sets of support structures from Appleton to Oconto Falls.
- DATCP is hoping to hear from the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program in early January regarding a proposal for funding to target nutrient reduction in the Mississippi River Basin. The proposal focuses implementation efforts in the Black/Buffalo/Trempealeau and Grant/Platte/Sugar/Pecatonica basins and a portion of the Lower Rock river basin.
- UWEX and other partners involved in the St.Croix/Red Cedar River Basin Farmer-Led Watershed Council project produced a short [video](#)⁶ describing the efforts of two Polk County farmers in the Horse Creek Watershed. One of the project's goals is to develop a collaborative model for water quality improvement through farmer engagement that can be replicated in other watersheds throughout the state. Take a look!

³ <http://ipcm.wisc.edu/blog/2014/10/soil-water-and-nutrient-management-meetings-to-be-held-in-december/>

⁴ <https://datcp-wi.adobeconnect.com/p3rgc7lkd4f/>

⁵ <http://conservation-training.uwex.edu/>

⁶ <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/wflcp/2014/11/25/the-farmer-led-watershed-project-video/>